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## Monday



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Protesters attack a motorist in Bangkok Sunday.

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#### Funny Girl:

Kristen Schaal will do anything for a laugh. Also, the band Shout Out Out Out makes some noise. >> **25-35**



**CHEERS:** Crew members of the U.S. merchant ship Maersk Alabama rejoice at news that Capt. Richard Phillips was rescued by the U.S. Navy on Sunday.

## Captive Ship Captain Saved

Navy overpowers pirates with skipper in 'imminent danger'

**MOMBASA, KENYA** | U.S. Navy snipers opened fire and killed three pirates holding an American captain at gunpoint, delivering the skipper unharmed and ending a five-day high-seas hostage drama on Easter Sunday.

Capt. Richard Phillips was in "imminent danger" of being killed before snipers shot the pirates in an operation authorized by President Obama, Vice Adm. Bill Gortney said.

He said the pirates were armed with AK-47s and small-caliber pistols and were

pointing the rifles at the captain when the commander of the nearby USS Bainbridge gave the order to open fire.

Gortney, the commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, said the White House had given "very clear guidance and authority" to



Phillips

take action if Phillips' life was in danger.

Phillips' crew, who said they had escaped after he offered himself as a hostage, erupted in cheers aboard their ship docked in Mombasa, Kenya. Some waved an American flag and fired flares in celebration.

Phillips, 53, was not hurt in several minutes of gunfire, and the U.S. Navy said he was resting comfortably on a U.S. warship after a medical exam. "I'm just the byline. The real heroes are the Navy, the SEALs, those who have brought me home," he said. (AP)

❖ **'Elation':** Captain's hometown overwhelmed with joy after his dramatic rescue at sea on Sunday | **Page 3**



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## PUNS

### Her Peers Just Can't Ketchup to Her

Heard of the ketchup packet that's worth \$1,000? An 11-year-old from Flushing, Queens, N.Y., has won the fifth-grade category of a national "Ketchup Creativity" contest. The 12 winning designs will appear on 200 million ketchup packages. Melissa Rueda portrayed a ketchup bottle as a rock star. It's surrounded by french fries, which represent fans. Melissa plans to save most of her prize money for college — but says she also might buy a little something for her parents. (AP)



MARK KOLBE/GETTY IMAGES

## SPEED

### This Pork's Got Torque

Pigs raced around a track and plunged into water at the Sydney Royal Easter Show's Pig Racing and Diving display on Friday in Sydney, Australia. In addition to porcine feats, the show featured an Alpaca Fashion Parade (with clothing made from alpacas, not alpacas themselves), a dinosaur petting zoo and the Young Farmer Challenge, according to Eastershow.com.au. Also on tap: extreme sword swallower Space Cowboy — who attempted to break the world record for longest sword swallow — and the Woodchop, in which burly men compete in five categories of chopping and sawing. (AP)

## LUNCH

### Liquid Meals Now on Wheels

A Beverly, Mass., liquor store is worried that hard times might keep costumers away. So, now ChrisPy's offers home delivery. Owner Chris Palazola said he began offering home delivery last month to boost business during the slow economy. For \$5 (\$2.50 for senior citizens), he'll take your order and deliver it to your house in his own car. Palazola said the smallest order so far has been for a 12-pack of beer, but he'd deliver a nip if someone wants it. (AP)

## LANDMARKS

### 'Take the Exit After the Desperate Woman'

An unemployed East Hampton, Conn., woman has taken her job search to the side of a highway. Pasha Stocking has rented a billboard along Interstate 95 in Bridgeport. The sign includes her photo and the message, "Hire Me!" It directs people to her Web site, Hirepasha.com. Stocking, 37, was

laid off in June. She wants to land a new job in marketing and design; she also is interested in executive assistant positions. Stocking says she got the idea from a Milwaukee man who did the same thing. She says she's paying for the ad with money she had been saving to buy a home. (AP)



## ACCOUNTING

### Bean Counters Shamed By Casual Bean Guesser

Twenty-six-year-old Jessica Silverman won \$25,000 after guessing the exact number of jelly beans in a jar — 7,954. Silverman, who works for a fashion

designer, says she was on her way to meet friends for coffee Tuesday when she saw a booth set up by insurance company DeWitt Stern with the guessing game. Silverman says she'll use her winnings on a down payment on a new home. (AP)

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## In Brief

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**Ambassador: U.S. Guns Fueling Mexican Drug War**

Stopping the flow of money and weapons from the United States into Mexico is critical to dealing with violent drug cartels, the Mexican ambassador to the U.S. said Sunday. Mexican officials believe that 90 percent of the weapons seized there can



Sarukhan

be traced to the U.S., Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan said. "The key issue right now is how can the United States help to shut down those guns and shut down that bulk cash that is providing the drug syndicates ... with the wherewithal to corrupt, to bribe, to kill?" Sarukhan said. (AP)

EVANSTON, ILL.

**Banned Books Week Founder Dies of Cancer**

Judith Krug, a director of the American Library Association and a founder of its Banned Books Week, died Saturday after a battle with stomach cancer. Banned Books Weeks has been observed since 1982 during the last week of September. ALA officials say the event celebrates intellectual freedom. (AP)

# Captain's Town Elated by Rescue

## Residents celebrate after Navy frees man from Somali pirates

UNDERHILL, VT. | In Capt. Richard Phillips' hometown, they'll never forget this Easter Sunday.

Five days after he was taken hostage by Somali pirates in an aborted hijacking, Phillips was freed in equally dramatic fashion, thrilling a community where yellow ribbons had sprung up like spring flowers in hopes that such symbols counted for something.

"Elation," said Steve Barton, 51, summing up the mood as he looked out his front door at a yellow tissue-paper bouquet he'd fastened to a tree in his yard. "Our prayers were answered."

Phillips, a 53-year-old father of two known in his rural community as a dedicated family man, avid sportsman and serious skipper, won his freedom in a daring U.S. Navy SEALs rescue in which three of his captors were killed but he escaped unharmed.

The good news traveled fast in Underhill, about 35 miles north-



Capt. Richard Phillips' hometown of Underhill, Vt., was on edge over the weekend awaiting word on a possible rescue attempt.

west of Montpelier. A lawn sign on Route 15 that earlier read "Pray for Captain Phillips' release and safe return home" was revised in the afternoon to read, "Capt. Phillips rescued and safe."

Phillips' wife, Andrea Phillips, remained behind closed doors in

the family's home after the news had broken.

Everyone in Underhill seemed to express a palpable sense of relief over the rescue. And the timing of it didn't escape notice.

"It's great news, especially on Easter," said Kim Jennings, 43.

"How terrific is that?"

Neighbors Terry and Sheila Aiken, who live across the street from the Phillips, fought back tears as they talked about him.

"I'm just so excited," said Sheila Aiken "It's like it just changed the world back to the world." (AP)



**FUNDRAISING For Display Purposes Only** Purple toilets are springing up on lawns in suburban Detroit thanks to one enterprising Boy Scout Troop. The Detroit News reported Troop 248 is helping the American Cancer Society with a Flushing Out Cancer fundraiser. Once a toilet is dropped off, the homeowner makes a donation to send it to someone else. For \$10, the troop will take the toilet away, and for an additional \$5 the recipient can send it to a friend. Another \$5 donation can ensure the toilet won't ever come back. (AP)

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# Tenet of Female Fertility in Doubt

Women may not be born with all their eggs, research finds

SCIENCE | Scientists have produced strong new evidence challenging one of the most fundamental assumptions in biology: That female mammals, including women, are born with all the eggs they will ever have.

In a provocative set of experiments involving mice, a team of Chinese researchers has shown for the first time that an adult mammal can harbor cells in her ovaries that can become new eggs and produce healthy offspring.

While much more research is needed, the work raises the tantalizing possibility that it could someday lead to new ways to fight a woman's biological clock, perhaps by stockpiling her egg-producing cells or by stimulating them to make eggs again.

For at least a half-century, the

dominant scientific tenet has been that women and all other female mammals are born with all the eggs they will ever have, and that the stock is slowly depleted with age. For women, the belief has been

**The study could lead to new ways to fight a woman's biological clock.**

that most of their eggs are gone when they reach middle age.

"If you are looking to disprove that females cannot make new eggs, this paper proves it," said Jonathan L. Tilly, a professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive biology at Harvard Medical School "This is the smoking gun."

Other researchers, however, remained cautious, saying the work needs to be repeated in mice and other species to validate the findings. **ROB STEIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

## WASHINGTON | HISTORIC PERFORMANCE CELEBRATED



**VOICE OF EQUALITY:** Denyce Graves performs during a concert Sunday at the Lincoln Memorial to commemorate the anniversary of a 1939 performance by Marian Anderson. Because of the color of her skin, the opera singer wasn't allowed to sing at Constitution Hall. So, Anderson performed "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" at the Lincoln Memorial instead on Easter. A crowd of 75,000 listeners of various skin colors gathered for the performance, which came to symbolize the ideal of racial equality.

## Ohio Skydiver Dies After Chute Fails

COLUMBUS, OHIO | Authorities say a central Ohio skydiver whose parachute failed to open during a jump has died from his injuries.

The State Highway Patrol says 59-year-old Harry Short of

Reynoldsburg jumped Saturday in a group of three from a single-engine Cessna airplane flying at about 10,000 feet.

He had moved away from the other skydivers and was unable to

open his main parachute. Troopers say a reserve parachute opened, but Short was too close to the ground to avoid injury when he landed.

The highway patrol reported that Short was an experienced skydiver who had completed more than 450 jumps. **(AP)**

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## Katrina Victims Hit Another Wall

Drywall from China is ruining residences that have been rebuilt

CHALMETTE, LA. | Thomas Stone and his wife rebuilt after their home was flooded by 6 feet of water during Hurricane Katrina, never dreaming they would face the agony of tearing it apart all over again.

They tapped Lauren Stone's 401(k) retirement savings and saved \$1,000 by installing Chinese-made drywall throughout their two-story home. Now the Stones are among hundreds of Katrina victims facing another,



Thomas Stone and his wife, Lauren, show a strip of tape taken from the Chinese drywall they installed in their home after it was damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

### 500M

The amount of drywall, in pounds, Chinese manufacturers sent to the United States after Hurricane Katrina, according to The Associated Press.

this time unnatural, disaster

Sulfur-emitting wallboard from China is wreaking havoc in homes, charring electrical wires, eating away at jewelry, silverware and other valuables, and possibly even sickening families.

"The bathroom upstairs has a corroded showerhead, the door hinges are rusting out," said Thomas Stone, the fire chief of St. Bernard Parish.

"It makes me wish there would be another flood to wash it out," Lauren Stone said.

Chinese manufacturers flooded the U.S. market with more than 500 million pounds of drywall around the same time Katrina was flooding New Orleans, an Associated Press review of shipping records has found.

The drywall apparently causes a chemical reaction that gives off the rotten-egg stench and corrodes metal. Researchers do not know yet what causes it.

The U.S. Product Consumer Safety Commission and a number of states are investigating the extent of the problem, what's causing it, and whether it poses serious health risks. But it could be years before the full extent of the problem is known. (AP)

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[(135,325 represents \$135,325,000,000) except as indicated.] For fiscal year ending in year shown.

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			Total (million dollars)	Percent of total grants
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1991	154,519	14.2	92,865	60.1
1992	178,065	15.2	112,522	63.2
1993	193,612	8.7	124,155	64.1
1994	210,596	8.8	134,153	63.7
1995	224,991	6.8	144,427	64.2
1996	227,811	1.3	146,493	64.3
1997	234,160	2.8	148,738	63.5
1998	246,128	5.1	160,305	65.1
1999	267,081	8.5	172,384	64.5
2000	284,659	6.6	182,592	64.1
2001	317,211	11.4	203,920	64.3
2002	351,550	10.8	227,373	64.7
2003	387,366	10.2	246,570	63.7
2004	406,330	4.9	262,177	64.5
2005	426,243	4.9	273,464	64.2
2006, estimate	449,277	5.4	287,634	64.0

NGC NOTE: Average annual percent change from prior year shown. For expenditures, see table in Source: U.S. Office of Management and Budget, Budget of the United States Government, 2007. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2007/02/07/budget.pdf>

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## In Brief



MICOPERI/AP

An undated photo shows the Buccaneer, which pirates seized on Saturday.

## ROME

**Owner of Hijacked Italian Boat marvels at U.S. Rescue**

The owner of an Italian-flagged tugboat seized Saturday by pirates off Somalia marveled Sunday at the U.S. Navy rescue of an American hostage there. Silvio Bartoletti, owner of the shipping company Micoperi, said he wasn't any more concerned for his crew's safety after the operation to free Capt. Richard Phillips. The Micoperi boat Buccaneer was seized along with its crew of 10 Italians, five Romanians and a Croat. (AP)

## COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

**President Declares 2-Day Pause in Battle vs. Rebels**

Sri Lanka's president ordered a two-day suspension of offensives against Tamil Tiger rebels to enable tens of thousands of trapped civilians to leave the war zone, his office said Sunday. President Mahinda Rajapaksa directed the armed forces to restrict operations during the April 13-14 Sri Lankan New Year to a defensive nature and renewed his call to the rebel group to surrender, a statement said. (AP)

## BEIJING

**Chinese Premier: Stimulus Led to 'Positive Changes'**

Premier Wen Jiabao said China's economy was showing "positive changes" but called for more efforts to combat the global financial crisis, state media said Sunday. The economy showed "better-than-expected positive changes in the first quarter" due to Beijing's stimulus plan, Wen said on the sidelines of an Asian summit in Thailand. (AP)

# Easter Prayers in Turbulent Iraq

Christians, American troops mark holiday as blast kills 1 soldier

BAGHDAD | Iraq's embattled Christians took advantage of improved security and gathered Sunday to celebrate Easter, even as roadside bombings killed a U.S. soldier and wounded four other Americans in separate attacks north of Baghdad.

Tens of thousands of Christians have fled Iraq since the 2003 collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime and the rise of Islamic extremists such as al-Qaeda in Iraq. Those who remained live in fear of kidnapping and assassination.

But with better security in Baghdad and many other cities,

Christians turned out for Easter services Sunday, and priests offered prayers for an end to the violence.

"God protect us and rid our country of disputes and quarrels; let it be free of hatred and hostilities," Cardinal Emmanuel II Delly said during services in Baghdad's Mansour district that were broadcast on state television.

**3** The percentage of Iraq's 26 million people who were Christians when the war began in 2003.



Iraqi Christians pray at a church in Baghdad, top. U.S. soldiers participate in an Easter sunrise service in Iraq's Camp Liberty.

About 500 Christians attended services at the Virgin Mary Church in the southern city of Basra. It was believed to be the largest attendance at the church since 2003.

American troops attended sunrise services at U.S. bases across

the country. About 100 soldiers sang hymns and listened to a military band at Camp Liberty on the western edge of Baghdad.

Despite the improvement in security, attacks continue.

An American soldier was fatal-

ly injured Sunday in a bombing in Salahuddin province, the U.S. military said. It was the sixth U.S. combat death since Friday, when five American soldiers were killed by a suicide truck bomber in Mosul.

KATARINA KRATOVAC (AP)

## Egypt: Militant Cell Plotted vs. Israelis

CAIRO | Hezbollah agents operating in Egypt were plotting to attack Israeli tourists at resorts in the Sinai Peninsula, Egyptian and Israeli officials said Sunday.

Egypt announced recently that a cell of 49 men with links to Hezbollah were planning attacks aimed at destabilizing the country. Hezbollah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah,

rejected the accusations but confirmed over the weekend that it had dispatched a member to Egypt — a rare acknowledgment that the Lebanese militant group was operating in another Arab country.

Egypt's allegations were fresh evidence of the growing strains between the region's staunch U.S. allies — namely Egypt and Saudi

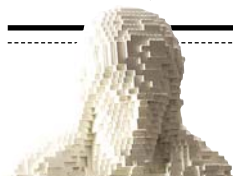
Arabia — and increasingly powerful Iranian- and Syrian-backed militant groups like Hezbollah.

On Sunday, Egyptian Cabinet minister Mufed Shehab said authorities seized explosive belts and other bomb-making materials from the agents and accused them of planning to buy a boat to "bring weapons and ammunition from Yemen, Sudan and Somalia, and smuggle them into the country." (AP)

## HEARSAY | QUAKE

**"We are all a little bit angry with God because we never expected a tragedy this big."**

— GIUSEPPE MOLINARI, L'AQUILA, ITALY, ARCHBISHOP, ON SURVIVORS' REACTION TO LAST WEEK'S QUAKE THAT KILLED 294.



**ART Ecclesiastic Plastic** Parishioners at a church in Vasteras, Sweden, celebrated Easter on Sunday by unveiling a 6-foot-tall statue of Jesus that they had built out of 30,000 Lego blocks. It took the 40 volunteers about 18 months to put all the tiny plastic blocks together, and their creation shows a standing Jesus facing forward with his arms outstretched. A church spokesman said the white statue at the Onsta Gryta church is a copy of Danish sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen's "Christus" statue on display in Copenhagen. (AP)





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# Rallies Unleash Chaos in Bangkok

Emergency declared as protesters attack PM's car, seize streets

BANGKOK | Swarms of anti-government protesters attacked the prime minister's car, seized control of major intersections in the capital and commandeered buses, bringing new chaos to the Thai capital as the country's ousted leader threatened to return from exile to lead a revolution.

The government declared a state of emergency Sunday, but without the intervention of security forces, it was unclear how any bans could be enforced.



Anti-government protesters cheer after commandeering a Thai army armored vehicle in Bangkok on Sunday. The Thai government declared a state of emergency.

**“Now that they have tanks on the streets, it is time for the people to come out in revolution.”**

—THAKSIN SHINAWATRA,  
OUSTED THAI PRIME MINISTER

In front of the city's biggest luxury mall, demonstrators danced atop two armored personnel carriers they had forced to a stop, waving flags and shouting “Democracy.”

The turmoil across Bangkok — where security forces stood by while

protesters ran rampant — reinforced that three years of conflict between alternating governments and protesters opposed to them seemed ready to peak again.

Outside the Interior Ministry earlier in the day, a furious mob attacked Abhisit's car with poles, stones and even flower pots as it slowly made its escape. Police in riot gear nearby did nothing.

Ousted prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra called for a revolution and said he might return from exile overseas to lead it.

“Now that they have tanks on the streets, it is time for the people to come out in revolution. And when it is necessary, I will come back to the country,” he said in a telephoned message broadcast to followers outside the prime minister's office. AMBIKA AHUJA (AP)

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## Are You At Risk for Parkinson Disease?

Researchers at the NIH are doing an experimental study to test whether “biomarkers” can predict whether people who have certain risk factors will develop Parkinson disease (PD). Biomarkers are objective measures of a normal or disease process. Biomarkers may also provide means to track progression of the disease and to test new treatments.

You may be eligible for this study, if you are an adult who has a strong family history of PD, a known genetic abnormality associated with PD, loss of sense of smell (which is very common in PD), a particular type of sleep disorder called REM Behavior Disorder, or persistent, consistent orthostatic hypotension (a fall in blood pressure when standing up).

The testing is done at the NIH Clinical Center, in Bethesda, MD. There are four phases—registration via a website, a screening examination at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD (about 4 hours), inpatient clinical laboratory testing (2-3 days), and long-term follow-up testing (2-3 days each, up to 5 visits separated by about 18 months).

There is no cost for participation or any tests associated with the research. You may be paid for participating in this study. Travel required for the inpatient clinical laboratory testing and follow-up are at no charge. The study does not involve a clinical trial of a new drug or treatment.

For more information about this study, please visit the website, <https://pdrisk.ninds.nih.gov>. The e-mail address of the Principal Investigator, Dr. David S. Goldstein, is [goldsteind@ninds.nih.gov](mailto:goldsteind@ninds.nih.gov).



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## Money

# In the Pour House

## Restaurants offer BYOB nights to lure cash-strapped diners

**NEW YORK** | Bringing your own bottle of wine to your favorite restaurant is getting cheaper and more popular.

With sales and traffic dwindling, many restaurants are either offering BYOB nights or chopping the “corkage” fee to open bottles bought elsewhere, to entice more wine-drinking diners to pay for a meal out.

“My fiance and I are wine freaks, so we have been going to more BYOBs as a way to continue to drink great wine while not blowing our budget,” said Christopher McGrath, a 26-year-old money market trader and liability manager who lives in Montclair, N.J.

The signs that bringing your own is on the rise are still largely anecdotal. Christina Preiss, a 27-year-old Chicago resident, said wait times at her favorite haunts that let customers bring their own are on the rise. More restaurants are also advertising special BYOB



A waiter pours a bottle of red wine for Shirley Marr at Kendall's Brasserie, a restaurant in Los Angeles. The restaurant has waived its \$5 corkage fee for 2009.

nights and more aggressively promoting the fee cuts.

Bringing your own beverages isn't allowed everywhere — the rules vary depending on where you live.

But for eateries that can offer the option, it can be a way to boost traffic in tough economic times.

Bringing your own bottle may not have the cache of ordering off the list, where wines are sometimes

paired with menu items to showcase the flavor of the food. But it can save you quite a bit of money. Restaurants frequently charge diners triple what they've paid for a wine. And David Henkes, vice president at Chicago-based food industry consulting firm Technomic Inc., said restaurants typically charge as much for one glass as they paid for the entire bottle.

LAUREN SHEPHERD (AP)

### PERSONAL FINANCE

## TAX TIPS

**Procrastinators, start your engines. Or, at least, fire up your laptops. There are only a couple days before you must file your 2008 tax return. If you haven't sent in your forms yet, here are some things to keep in mind:**

**1 Charitable deductions.** The IRS has tightened rules for charitable deductions, and you now must have paperwork to back up any donations you claim. “Make sure you’ve got that documentation before

you put it on the form,” said Tom Ochsenchlager, vice president of tax at the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

**2 Medical costs.** Be aware that medical costs that equal 7.5 percent or more of your adjusted gross income are deductible. If you had a major medical expense last year, or several smaller ones, it's worth adding up your receipts to see whether they meet the threshold.

**3 Tax credits.** If your income declined last year, you might be eligible for tax credits you couldn't claim in the past. The earned income tax credit, child care credit, and the Hope and Lifetime Learning education cred-

## 141.2M

**The number of tax returns the IRS expects to receive this year. About 92 million tax returns were filed as of Friday, the agency said.**

its are all income-based, so even if you couldn't claim them before, check to see whether you can now. Unlike itemized deductions, credits are subtracted from your tax liability dollar for dollar.

**4 Investments.** If you're planning to claim investment losses, make sure you know their basis, or the value when you first got the stocks, bonds or mutual funds. Ochsenchlager said some brokerages are “not very accurate” at calculating basis values. (AP)

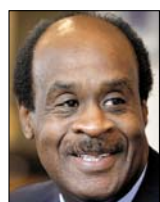


## In Brief

## ROCKVILLE, MD.

**County Exec Seeks Money For Pedestrian Safety**

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett is proposing spend-



Leggett

ing more money on pedestrian safety programs, even as the county faces a \$520 million budget deficit. Leggett suggests spending an additional \$642,000 to reset traffic signals so pedestrians have more time to cross streets, hire consultants for an outreach program and speed up the implementation of a program to make children's walk to school safer. (AP)

## UPPER MARLBORO, MD.

**2 Killed Half an Hour Apart In Pr. George's Shootings**

Prince George's County police say two people have been killed in separate shootings. Police say 31-year-old Miguel Chinchilla of the Brentwood area was found dead early Saturday morning in the 8100 block of 39th Street in Langley Park. Half an hour later, 31-year-old Naomi Cook of Suitland was discovered shot in her home on Regency Parkway. (AP)

## The Lotteries

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## Va. Arrests Fuel Debate on Illegals

**Pr. William County's policy on immigration enforcement disputed**

WASHINGTON | People on both sides of the immigration debate say new arrest data from Prince William County prove their case about the county's controversial illegal immigration enforcement policy.

Recently released statistics show about 2 percent of people charged last year with major vio-

lent crimes were illegal immigrants, but they were apprehended for a greater number of minor offenses.

Among its results, the report found that major crime plummeted nearly 22 percent in 2008, and less than 5 percent of people charged with major property crimes such as burglary were in the country unlawfully.

However, police said illegal immigrants made up about 21 percent of prostitution arrests,

about 14 percent of those charged with driving without a license and almost 11 percent of people arrested for public drunkenness.

The data cover the first 10 months of the county's enforcement policy, which took effect in March 2008 and requires police to check the legal status of everyone taken into custody for an alleged local or state crime.

"I think what the stats show is the effectiveness of the program," said Board of Supervisors Chair-

man Corey Stewart, who pushed for the policy.

Immigrant advocates such as Nancy Lyall disagree.

Lyall, legal coordinator for the immigrant advocacy group Mexicans Without Borders, contends the data show that unauthorized immigrants don't pose a major safety threat. She added that undocumented immigrants are unlikely criminals because they don't want to draw attention to themselves. (AP)

## WASHINGTON | OBAMAS CELEBRATE EASTER



**PRESIDENTIAL PARISHIONERS:** President Obama and first lady Michelle Obama walk into St. John's Church Sunday morning for an Easter service. Church history contends that nearly every president since James Madison has worshiped at the church, located across from the White House. President George W. Bush often attended St. John's.

**Stolen Dog Returned To D.C. Man****Youths suspected in theft of 92-year-old's Shih Tzu-poodle mix**

A 92-year-old Northwest Washington man whose dog was stolen on Tuesday said Sunday that he feels like he "hit the \$50 million lottery" after being reunited with the pet.

Charles E. Boyd celebrated the return of Sparky, a Shih Tzu-poodle mix who has been his companion for about six years, ever since the dog was a puppy. A friend took Sparky for a walk on Tuesday evening and was climbing the steps to Boyd's Columbia Heights house when he noticed that the dog got away. Police think two youths ran off with the pet.

The theft drew widespread media attention, and an unidentified man familiar with the dog and owner found Sparky on Saturday and returned him at 8:30 that night, D.C. police said. The dog was unharmed. Boyd's niece, Sandra Keys, said that he is "elated" and "finally back to normal" now that Sparky is home. DAVID BETANCOURT (THE WASHINGTON POST)

**District Cuts Grants for Nonprofits**

WASHINGTON | A group of D.C. nonprofit organizations that help small businesses say the city is not supporting them.

The eight nonprofits are under contract with the city's Depart-

ment of Housing and Community Development and provide services to local and minority-owned businesses.

The city has cut \$1 million in grants for the nonprofits as

part of an effort to narrow an \$800 million budget gap.

Manuel Hidalgo, executive director of the Latino Economic Development Corporation, says the move shows that small businesses are not a priority to city leaders. (AP)



# Wizards Zeroing In on Saunders

Sources: Washington may name new coach as early as next week

**WIZARDS** | As one of the Washington Wizards' worst regular seasons in franchise history slogs to a close, all signs are pointing to Flip Saunders' being named the team's next head coach as early as next week.

A league official and a Western

Conference team official both have said on condition of anonymity that Saunders is the top choice of General Manager Ernie Grunfeld. The team official added that Saunders, the former coach of the Detroit Pistons and Minnesota Timberwolves, has already tabbed a top assistant to come to Washington. The officials requested anonymity because they are not at liberty to speak on behalf of the Wizards.

Saunders did not return The

Post's phone calls. Wizards officials would neither confirm nor deny that Saunders would be the next coach, and have maintained that a decision has not been made. But team officials have intimated that Ed Tapscott, the team's current head coach who took over after



Saunders

the firing of Eddie Jordan, would be offered a position to remain with the team's front office.

Saunders has a career coaching record of 578-393 (.595) and has advanced to the playoffs in all but two of his 13 seasons as a coach. He led the Timberwolves to the Western Conference Finals in 2004 and guided the Pistons to three consecutive trips to the Eastern Conference Finals from 2006 to 2008.

MICHAEL LEE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Tiger Woods, left, and Phil Mickelson began the day seven strokes behind the leaders on Sunday. Both faltered down the stretch.

## Powerhouse Duel Ends With Thud

Woods, Mickelson fall apart down stretch in Masters' final round

**GOLF** | A supercharged duel between the world's two best players ended with a thud Sunday at the Masters, leaving someone else to claim the green jacket.

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickel-

son fell apart down the stretch as 48-year-old Kenny Perry bogeyed the final two holes of regulation Sunday at the Masters, forcing a three-way playoff with Chad Campbell and Angel Cabrera.

Perry was in control after a tap-in birdie at 16th, going to the final two holes with a two-stroke lead over Campbell and Cabrera.

All Woods and Mickelson

could do was bemoan the shots that got away.

Mickelson dunked his ball into Rae's Creek and missed two short putts, settling for a 5-under 67 that could have been so much better. Woods bogeyed the last two holes, finishing with a 68 that wasn't good enough.

Mickelson finished at 9-under 279, his only consolation that he

beat Woods by a stroke.

"It was fun," Mickelson said. "We've had some good matches in the past. I've usually been on the wrong end of it. It's fun playing with him. I've always enjoyed it."

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PHIL MICKELSON, SPEAKING ABOUT PLAYING WITH TIGER ON SUNDAY.

"It was a fun front nine," Lefty said. "I thought there were some pins I could get to." His front-side 30 tied the mark set by Johnny Miller in 1975 and equaled by Greg Norman in 1988 and K.J. Choi in 2004.

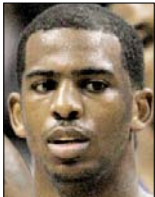
Woods was regretting his own miscues. After climbing with a shot of the lead heading to 17, he unleashed two errant drives. The first led to a bogey, essentially ruining any hopes of winning. "I was pretty much dead from there," Woods said. PAUL NEWBERRY (AP)

**Late result:** Sunday's final round playoff ended after Express' deadline. For results | Today's Post, Sports

## In Brief

### NBA Hornets Edge Mavericks To Take Hold of 6th Place

Chris Paul narrowly missed his seventh triple-double with 31 points, 17 assists and nine rebounds, and the New Orleans Hornets defeated the Dallas Mavericks 102-92 on Sunday to earn a split in a key late season home-and-home series. David West scored 31 points to help New Orleans (49-31) move a game ahead of Dallas for the sixth playoff seed in the Western Conference. Each team has two games left in the regular season. (AP)



Paul

### BASEBALL Diamondbacks Send Webb to the Disabled List

Arizona ace Brandon Webb is headed to the 15-day disabled list with tightness in his pitching shoulder. The Diamondbacks decided to make the move, retroactive to Tuesday, after the former Cy Young winner tested his shoulder by playing catch on Sunday morning. "I feel like we're making progress on it, but we just need a little more time to make sure it's totally good," Webb said. (AP)

## TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**NATIONALS (3 P.M. ON MASN)** Clearly, the Nats stink on the road. Maybe the first game at home against the Phillies will bring better fortune.

**WIZARDS (7 P.M. ON CSN)** The long Wizards season is nearly over. They face the Raptors at Verizon Center.

**ORIOLES (8 P.M. ON MASN)** After a strong first week, the Orioles head on the road to face the Rangers.

**BASEBALL (2:10 ON WGN AND 7 P.M. ON ESPN)** The Cubs host the Rockies, and the New York Mets show off their new stadium against the San Diego Padres.



**HOCKEY Netminder Extraordinaire** Nikolai Khabibulin had 37 saves Sunday to get his 41st career shutout as the Chicago Blackhawks tuned up for their first postseason appearance in seven years by beating the Detroit Red Wings 3-0 in the regular-season finale. The Blackhawks finished the season with a rush, going 6-0-1 in their final seven games. They had clinched the fourth seed in the Western Conference and will open the playoffs at home against Calgary. Chicago won all four meetings with the Flames this season. (AP)



# Rays Win In a Romp Over Birds

Longoria smacks his 5th homer of the year to avoid series sweep

**ORIOLES** | James Shields pitched seven innings of three-hit ball, Evan Longoria hit his major league-leading fifth home run, and the Tampa Bay Rays averted a three-game sweep by beating the Baltimore Orioles 11-3 Sunday.

Longoria went 3-for-5 to up his batting average to .481. He has five straight multi-hit games and at least one RBI in five of his six starts.

Ben Zobrist, Jason Bartlett and Carlos Pena also homered for the Rays, who got 17 hits. All four home runs came off reliever Brian Bass.

Tampa went 3-3 on its first road trip. The defending AL champions play their home opener Monday against the New York Yankees.

It was a solid bounce-back performance for Shields (1-1), who gave up five runs in 5 1/3 innings in Tampa Bay's season-opening loss to Boston. **DAVID GINSBURG (AP)**

## MLB SCOREBOARD

**Marlins 2, Mets 1**

**Tigers 6, Rangers 4**

**Reds 2, Pirates 0**

**Indians 8, Blue Jays 4**

**Braves 8, Nationals 5**

**Rays 11, Orioles 3**

**White Sox 6, Twins 1**

**Cardinals 3, Astros 0**

**Royals 6, Yankees 4**

**Phillies 7, Rockies 5**

**Mariners 1, A's 0**

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# O, What a Feeling for the Nationals

Washington remains winless after Atlanta completes the sweep

**NATIONALS** | The Washington Nationals would like a restart. The Atlanta Braves just want to keep the winning pace they've set during the first week of the season.

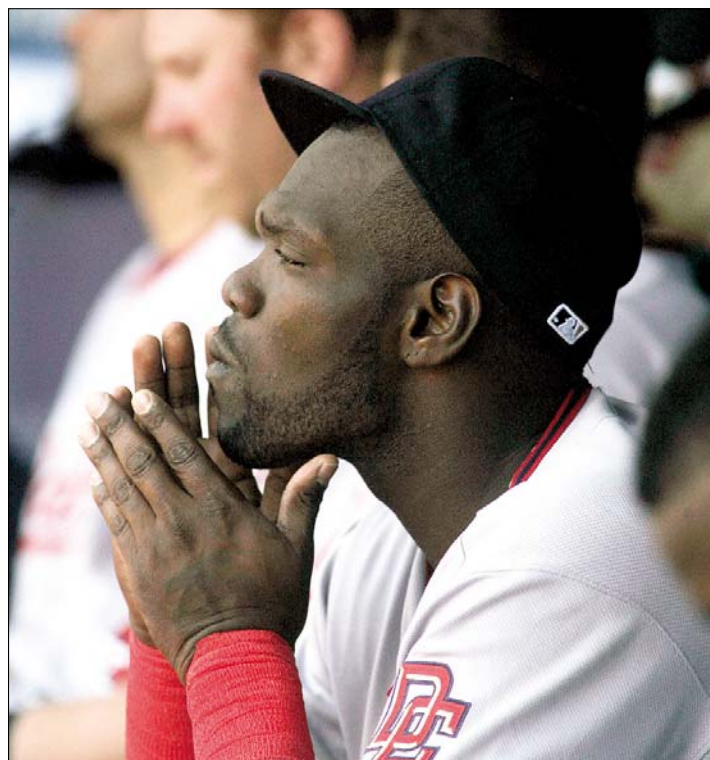
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Chipper Jones drove in two runs, including a tie-breaking single, and the Braves beat Washington

8-5 on Sunday to hand the Nationals their sixth straight loss to start the season.

Washington is the only winless team in the majors and has the franchise's most consecutive losses to open a season since the 1998 Montreal Expos were 0-7. "We have to forget this ever happened," left-



## 500

The number of career hits for the Nationals' Ryan Zimmerman, who hit the milestone with his run-scoring single in the eighth inning on Sunday.

hander Scott Olsen said.

The pressure is already building for the Nationals, who will play their home opener against Philadelphia on Monday. "Right now we're in a situation where we have to play almost perfect baseball," manager Manny Acta said.

Washington had 10 hits but left 11 runners on base. "I don't have a quick fix," said Dunn, who was 2-for-3 with two walks. "Guys know what they need to do, and I think it's being addressed."

**CHARLES ODUM (AP)**

Elijah Dukes looks on in the ninth inning of the Nationals' sixth-straight loss.

## BASEBALL | THROWDOWN



**HOTHEADS:** The Los Angeles Angels' Bobby Abreu is held back by Boston Red Sox catcher Mike Napoli after the Red Sox's starting pitcher, Josh Beckett, left, threw a high pitch during the first inning of the game on Sunday in Anaheim.

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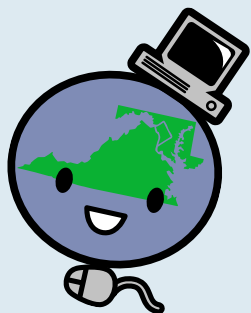
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## Sports

# D.C. Earns Raves as Host

Officials are already looking ahead to the Frozen Four's return

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While still a dream after Washington hosted the NCAA men's

ice hockey tournament this weekend for the first time, it does not seem all that unlikely the icemen will be coming back.

College hockey officials raved about the nation's capital as a final destination and, in particular, the job the Washington Capitals and the Greater Washington Sports Alliance did as hosts.

"This is the best NCAA tournament I've brought my team to," said Boston University coach Jack Parker after his team's 4-3 overtime victory over Miami (Ohio) in Saturday's title game. "It was unbelievable how much they did for us, the four teams here," added Parker, who now holds the record for most tournament wins (30).

Capitals General Manager George McPhee said he heard similar accolades all weekend.

"We thought the Washington market would respond really well



Boston University's Vinny Saponari celebrates after the Terriers scored the game-winning goal in overtime Saturday night against Miami (Ohio) at Verizon Center.

**"This is the best NCAA tournament I've brought my team to."**

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to this, and they did," he said.

With the Capitals' success and growth in youth hockey in the region, McPhee said the timing could not have been better to host. He said he'd also like to see one of the local colleges develop a Division-I hockey program. "There's

a lot of potential to do something like that," he said.

As for the Frozen Four's return, McPhee said the earliest could be 2013. Parker said he thinks it's only a matter of time before the championship is played in D.C. again.

"I couldn't believe nobody's ever had a national championship in Washington, D.C., before," he said. "I'm proud we won it here the first time. And I'm sure the [NCAA] committee will decide to come back here sometime quick, and the rest of the sports should look at it, too." MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

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The students watched Lindsey Burke's interview play back and wondered: What's that scratching noise?

"It's the hair," trainer Beverly Hallberg concludes, motioning toward Burke's long blond tresses, which were covering the lapel mic clipped to her shirt. "That's something you have to consider for your interview."

Hairstyling tips were not the first thing Burke, a domestic-policy research assistant at the Heritage Foundation, and her six fellow would-be pundits expected when they enrolled in the Nov. 14 TV training class at the Leadership Institute (LI), a conservative policy group in Arlington. But hair and makeup are crucial for a visual medium, says Hallberg, a producer who has taught at LI for seven years.

Pundits are authorities who share their knowledge via the media. Although they expound upon many topics, politics is a particular favorite, making D.C. a

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The Leadership Institute's TV training studio gives would-be pundits an authentic experience. Here, instructor Beverly Hallberg, left, mock-interviews Karen Campbell.

“TAKE BOLD ACTION. EVEN GOING THE WRONG WAY IS TAKING SOME KIND OF ACTION... IT'S EASY TO LET YOUR FEARS BECOME EXCUSES FOR INACTION.” E9



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mecca for the telegenic experts.

How to look good on camera was a bonus lesson for the LI students — among them a political blogger, a local attorney and other policy analysts from Heritage, a conservative think tank. Their main goal was to learn what to expect should they get that coveted call to appear on a TV news program.

LI has three levels of TV training. In the \$75 Introduction to Television Techniques Workshop, one of the institute's four instruc-



WATCH AND LEARN: Jena Barker McNeil, Lindsey Burke and a blogger who goes by Moxie study their classmates at work.

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tors talks participants through the basics they need to know to do well on TV, such as how to speak in sound bites and what to wear.

Burke and her fellow trainees attended Level II, the On-camera Television Workshop, which costs \$150. (The top tier is one-on-one training for \$1,500.) The instructor pretends participants are guests on a news show and interviews them individually. The five-minute dialogues are recorded and broadcast for the group to critique. Afterward, students break into debate teams of two or three. The debaters sit in separate rooms to get the



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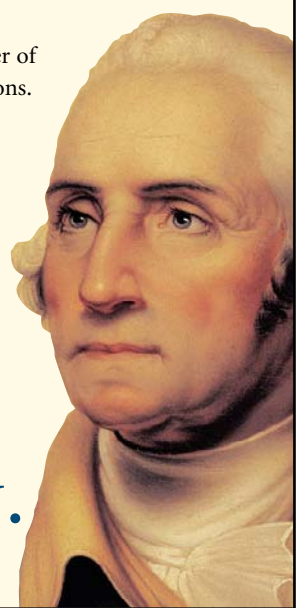
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"We put them in front of a camera, we fire some hostile questions at them [and] let them answer some of them," Shakir says. "We record it and then we play it back for the audience, and all of us offer constructive criticism."

Sound familiar? The ideology might differ but the method doesn't.

CAP's sessions attract about 50 convention-goers each — a good turnout, says Mary Rickles, director of communications and media for Netroots Nation. "It's definitely well received," she says.

Punditry could use the help, says Kathleen E. Kendall, research professor at the University of Maryland's Communication Department. "The quality is poor in that the people who are appear-

**The instructor pretends participants are guests on a news show and interviews them. Then they break into debate teams.**

ing over and over again are not knowledgeable on all of those topics," she says. "These pundit schools presumably would have the effect that there would be more people who felt ready to speak."

While training is great, expertise is vital, she says. "With the 24-hour news cycle, there's much greater need for people to talk, and so the opportunities are greater than they used to be for people to appear on television, but they have to have something to talk about," Kendall says.

If formal training isn't in the cue cards for you, don't worry, she says: "People can get the knowledge that they need from other places, but the schools do pull together the knowledge."

And some news outlets, such as

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## PREDICTION VS. FICTION

### What's Your Pundit Power Animal?

■ A study by Stanford research psychologist Philip Tetlock reveals which pundits are the most accurate predictors. It doesn't come down to education, political leanings or even access to confidential information. It turns out the best predictor is fame — the more popular he or she is with the media, the worse a pundit's accuracy. It comes down to a difference in cognitive style, or what Tetlock — whose ongoing study has looked at 82,361 predictions by 284 pundits — dubs "foxes and hedgehogs." "Hedgehogs" seek certainty and discard ideas that don't fit with their preconceptions, but "foxes" are flexible and open to self-criticism, writes Sharon Begley in a recent issue of *Newsweek*. Foxes use "however" and "but" in their speech much more than hedgehogs, but hedgehogs — with their bold, assertive claims — make for better TV. RACHEL KAUFMAN

feel for a satellite exchange. At this session, for instance, Burke and Heritage colleague Jena Barker McNeil debated the merits of universal preschool.

The on-camera work is the best part, most pundits-in-training say. "I think just being able to practice it and knowing sort of what my triggers are, my nervous habits, will help," says Karen Campbell, an economics policy analyst at Heritage.

But is one afternoon enough? "I suggest we do this for 10 days, all day long, and then we're ready to hit 'em," says trainee Andrew Patterson.

LI started the TV courses in 1999, and since then, about 3,400 people — almost 600 of them in 2008 — have attended, said Eric Slee, LI's communications training director. Notable grads include Amanda Carpenter, a political reporter for *Townhall.com* who's appeared on the BBC, Fox News Channel and MSNBC.

For those more liberally inclined, the Center for American Progress (CAP), a left-leaning think tank in D.C., offers free training by request, but audiovisual equipment is not always available for on-camera practice, says Faiz Shakir, the center's research director and editor in chief of the *Progress Report* and *ThinkProgress.org*.

Shakir and his colleagues have led three-hour "Pundit Projects" at the past three YearlyKos (now called Netroots Nation) conventions of liberal bloggers. First, they explain what TV and radio bookers look for, namely people who are writing frequently and visibly about topical news items.

Next, they advise the bloggers about what they should do when they're booked, including deciding the key points to get across and asking about the interview setup: "What's the segment going to be about? Who are you going to be on against? Who's the host? Is it a hostile or friendly setting? Those kinds of questions," Shakir said. Mock interviews come last.



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## Talking to TV

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CNN, even put guests through a pre-interview process, says Maria Ebrahimji, CNN's director and executive editorial producer for network booking. "It's not like a guest is called up ... and asked to come on the air immediately without actually having an idea of what they're going to be discussing," she says. CNN tells guests where to look, how the interview will be arranged and what questions could come up.

But Marianne Fogelson, an LI trainer for six years, wouldn't rely on that. "When you go into a studio, they assume that you've done this before, and they just literally hook you up to a mic and say, 'Here's your camera.' There's



Beverly Hallberg helps would-be pundits learn to talk in TV-friendly sound bites.

### CRYSTAL BALL STATS

Online current events-betting site **Hubdub.com** decided to track, unscientifically, pundits' predictions. Here are the five who had the most correct predictions:

- David Brooks, NYT columnist
- Nikki Finke, Hollywood reporter
- Perez Hilton, celebrity blogger
- Pat Buchanan, political commentator
- Chris Matthews, "Hardball"

no training involved," she says. "What we do is really take somebody who may or may not have the skills ... and really do personalized training."

Such training provides a solid base from which to start the booking process, but it's not a golden

ticket, Ebrahimji says.

"I don't necessarily think you have to go through this in order to get on TV," she says. "What we're really looking for is someone that's able to articulate their thoughts and direct them to our audience specifically."

Burke, a TV novice, gained confidence from LI's class. "I learned useful tips and techniques on how to effectively answer questions during a TV interview, which clothes work best for on-camera appearances, the appropriate length of an answer for varying types of interviews and, most importantly, how to effectively express policy issues for a TV audience."

It also left her pondering a change in her 'do. "I think it's definitely time for a new haircut," she says. **STEPHANIE KANOWITZ**

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↑ After years as a TV jack-of-all-trades in Los Angeles, Bobby Broome became a swimming instructor, then an aquatics director, then a textbook author. He moved to D.C. and had a stint at the Red Cross, and is now filming a swimming instruction video and planning a book series.



He teaches on weekends, working on other projects in the meantime.

# Pool of Talent

Change Artists

## How a television cameraman made a splash in the world of aquatics safety

Which distance is farther: Hollywood to Washington or TV work to swimming lessons?

Bobby Broome has made both moves and more. His latest is a book-and-video series — a third act in life drawn from his first and second.

Broome, who has a degree in radio and television from Grambling State University in Louisiana, spent a couple decades in Los

Angeles. He wrote and directed music videos and was an assistant cameraman for gospel and sports programs, hundreds of commercials and the broadcast TV shows “Rags to Riches” and “The Wonder Years.”

But when shared parenthood became single fatherhood, those 13- to 14-hour days wouldn’t do. Broome tried sales but hated it. So, he updated his certifications and returned to his first love, aquatics.

Broome dove into teaching at the East Valley YMCA pool for just \$8 an hour. If the choice was sink

or swim, he clearly swam: “I was so fulfilled at it, so happy.”

Then the reinvented Broome began making a splash — first as aquatics director at the Y and then in the same job at the famous Lakeside Golf Club in Burbank, Calif., where he trained lifeguards and started the learn-to-swim program. Then came six years teaching swimming, health and safety at Cal State Dominguez Hills while giving private swimming instruction on the side.

“I got tired of repeating myself to the people working under me,

and people kept asking my secrets of success at teaching anyone to swim,” Broome says. Plus, he needed a textbook for his college classes. So, he self-published enough texts — about 100 — to supply students and a few clients.

Small as this enterprise was, the photo-illustrated text eventually caught the attention of the American Red Cross in D.C. In October 2007, Broome moved to take a job there as senior associate of preparedness and health and safety.

Though he and his daughter settled happily in Falls Church — Broome plays bass guitar in a

band with a Red Cross colleague — he realized that though the original text belonged to him, the nonprofit would own the rights to any related material he might produce while an employee. That was a sticking point.

A year after arriving, Broome took a step toward publishing the book for real: As continuing education for his Red Cross job, he

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enrolled in a technical-writing course at EEI Communications (703-683-0683, Eecom.com). “Very, very helpful,” he says. “It enhanced everything I learned and wrote at the American Red Cross” while teaching him how to work faster and get more details into less space.

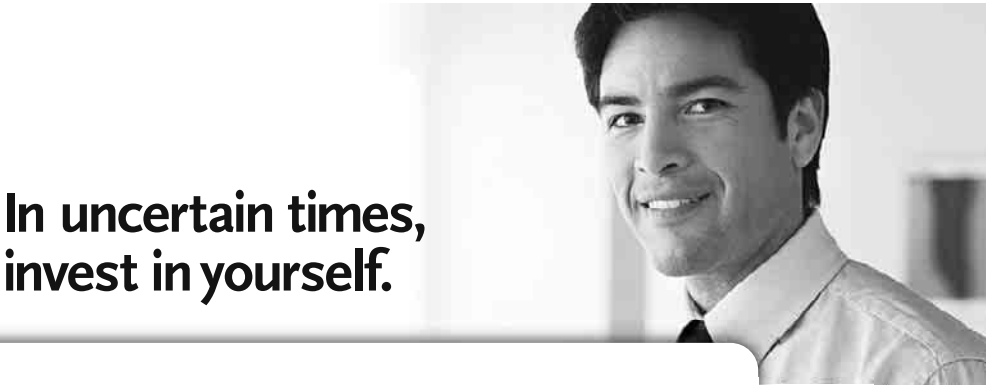
In two weekdays, EEI instructor Ronnie Lipton covers “effectiveness in writing in clear, concise, plain language,” she says. The author of three books shows students “how to eliminate the gobbledygook so the content really pops out” in newsletters, manuals, Web sites and more. Students include employees at government agencies, nonprofits, and corporations.

EEI offers more than 140 courses that rotate among sites in Alexandria, Reston, Silver Spring, Columbia and Hunt Valley. Classes range from one to five days and cost \$425 to \$1,675; “Technical Writing,” which runs every six weeks or so, is \$745.

After the course “dramatically improved my technical-writing skills,” Broome put its lessons to work: He found a print-on-demand company, CreateSpace; reedited, designed and formatted the book; procured an ISBN number; and copyrighted the title “The Parent’s Guide to: Water Safety and Swim Instruction.” In February, he left the Red Cross; in March,

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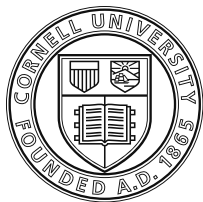
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### Water Works

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he registered BobbyBroome Aquatics.com, registered the book with search engines and submitted it to Amazon.com. It's now available in paper and on Kindle.

But this is just the beginning. With a former colleague, Broome has begun planning an accompanying video. He'll repeat the process with a second book — on the backstroke and breaststroke, treading water and more — and a third — on the butterfly, side-

stroke and other skills, including lifesaving.

"I love adventures because I learn," Broome says. Giving weekend swimming lessons brings in some cash while he applies for technical-writing jobs. With enough income, he may be able to achieve yet another dream: "I really want to go into neighborhoods where parents can't afford me to give swim instruction. What can I do to do my part in society and improve other people's lives?" Everyone into the pool!

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Young people such as Kristen Psaki, third from left, are eager to join the Obama administration or the federal government in some capacity but haven't gotten word yet.

# Waiting by the Phone

## Those who want to join the Obama administration are eager to be called

They are the Obama-wannabes, many of them young and heady former campaign workers, frantically networking or waiting, just waiting, for the ultimate status symbol in their generation's caste system: a job in the Obama administration.

Flocking to the District's creative-class encampments of Mount Pleasant, the U Street corridor and Dupont and Logan circles, people in their 20s and 30s — those, that is, with a liberal bent — are prowling progressive Wiki pages and joining Google groups in the hunt for an Obama job. Those already employed elsewhere are secretly uploading their resumes to Whitehouse.gov, while others are quitting their jobs to concentrate on the search.

Some are deft anglers: Melody Mathews, 29, a former Obama field worker-turned-Navy contractor, co-hosted a celebratory dinner recently at Old Ebbitt Grill that included top Army brass with whom she campaigned. Her hope is that they will get presidential appointments and, in turn, hire her.

Others, such as Noland Chambliss, 25, a former Obama deputy field director, are in come-down mode. He applied for a position in the Energy Department but hasn't heard anything for months. So, he has applied for a job at a pizza shop near his shared house off U Street NW.

"It was a pretty big drop-off, going from every moment of your day being filled with extraordinary purpose and intensity, every moment of your waking hours is bent aggressively toward this goal," Chambliss said.

The job-seekers range from think-tank types to lawyers seek-

ing better hours or a more altruistic mission. Many were low-paid field directors and their nomadic minions who knocked on doors, organized voters and coordinated multimedia promotions for the Obama campaign.

Their collective purgatory highlights the unintended consequences of Obama's influential calls for service. He has cultivated a yen for public service among this generation, but government jobs are limited, and the tight economy is squeezing nonprofit and charitable organizations and their donors. At the same time, the White House has an unprecedented number of applications and resumes to cull, lengthening the process.

The Obama administration, contending with the nation's economy and two wars, must sift through "hundreds of thousands" of applications for more than 3,000 political or non-career slots, White House spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki said in e-mail. Previous administra-

tions had far fewer applications than Obama's, said Clay Johnson, a former deputy director for management at the Office of Management and Budget.

Of those jobs, young people typically gun for the roughly 1,500 Schedule C slots, ranging from administrative assistants to directors of small programs, offering salaries of \$30,000 to \$130,000, Johnson said. (Others are flooding Usajobs.com, seeking civil service jobs.)

Johnson said filling the Schedule C jobs should be completed by the end of summer. He recalled that young former campaign workers seeking to join the Bush administration were given serious looks.

"They are the ones who are most known to the White House. You have to be aware of somebody and know what they're capable of doing," he said.

At the Department of Education, spokesman John McGrath said only a small number of young

people have been hired, because higher-ranking slots have yet to be filled.

"Those senior people will want to be involved in the hiring decisions" for the lower jobs, McGrath said. "Most of the young people hired so far are people either from the campaign or Capitol Hill. We're giving special attention to

**"It's a slower process than I realized, and that becomes more difficult when you are forced to pay your car off."**

people who have an education background — we've had a lot from Teach for America."

Long waits for a new administration are not unusual, especially when the weak economy is spewing out many jobless, more experienced and older people. But the volume of administration applications, along with controversial appointments and withdrawals, has protracted the wait for jobs whose titles — special assistant or confidential assistant — can stud a resume in ways that "campaign field director" might not.

Kristen Psaki, 24, a former new media director for the Obama campaign, has applied for positions at the Treasury, Commerce, and Housing and Urban Development departments but hasn't received any offers.

She has received a nibble from HUD. "I worked for the field director of Florida, and she's the one who gave my name to the people at HUD to contact me," she said. "But it's a slower process than I realized, and that becomes more difficult when you are forced to pay your car off. I have money saved up, but I had to dip into my savings."

Recently, Psaki and her roommate, Chambliss, sat in the kitchen of their rowhouse discussing their mutual plight of joblessness

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and "catastrophic health care" costs of about \$80 a month.

Chambliss was awaiting an afternoon meeting with a former campaign staffer and Ultimate Frisbee. Psaki was dressed and ready for a day volunteering at a homeless shelter, where she is launching a program to train homeless people in such "green" jobs as refurbish-

ing computers. They were divided on whether their campaign experiences would net them jobs.

"I would say [campaigning] is only a marginally relevant skill set," Chambliss said. "That's why we put so much faith in the personnel department of the administration to find out if we're an appropriate fit. You just keep your expectations low. ... It's a decision you make when you come to D.C."

IAN SHAPIRA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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# Networking His Way on Up

## How one man forged a pathway from tax attorney to assistant to published author

And you thought you were good at schmoozing.

Bill Murphy Jr. once flew from Washington to London for the day just to attend a party and chat up a fellow University of Connecticut Law School graduate who worked in the film industry.

By taking some calculated risks and "betting on myself," as he puts it, Murphy, 38, has transitioned from federal tax attorney and Army reserve officer to Bob Woodward's research assistant to published author ("In a Time of War: The Proud and Perilous Journey of West Point's Class of 2002"). Express recently talked with the Adams Morgan resident about why hardcore networking doesn't have to connote sleazy backroom deals. AMY ROGERS NAZAROV

### You bid \$350 at a National Press Club auction and won lunch with the then-editor of USA Today.

I had applied to work there, and I thought I would make my own interview. That was a big deal for me, paying that much. In a perfect world, I would have saved more money.

### What are some of the less-costly things you did to move from practicing law to writing books?

I told lots of people that I wasn't sure I wanted a legal career, and that I wanted to be a writer instead. I was always writing on the side: novels, screenplays. In my third year of law school, another guy and I had launched a magazine called JD, which had about 75,000 readers [when it folded].

### How did the Woodward thing come about?

I had been called up for a year of reserve duty in Arlington. When I

wasn't putting in my hours there, I did a lot of informational interviews trying to figure out what I wanted to do next.

In January 2005, one of my friends heard Woodward was looking for a research assistant to work on [his 2006 book] "State of Denial." She said, "You probably won't be interested, but just in case."



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Bill Murphy Jr. went from tax attorney to author by "betting on [him]self."

### What was it like?

It is the world's best apprenticeship for someone who wants to write a book. It was total immersion: interviews, research, checking facts. A lot of people get a big break like that, but it just doesn't come out of the blue.

**You're writing a new book now, about graduates of Harvard Business School and the entre-**

### preneurial paths they've taken.

I went through a gazillion other [ideas] before I picked that one.

### What do you tell people who aren't sure what to do next?

Three things. One: Take bold action. Even going the wrong way is taking some kind of action. Two: Believe in yourself. And three: Accept the risk [inherent in trying something new]; the worst that can happen probably isn't that bad, when you think it through. It's easy to let your fears become excuses for inaction.

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# getting ahead



Members of a touring theater company doing "Chicago," and other theater troupes, find D.C. a tempting destination for its sightseeing and restaurants that stay open late.

## Traveling theater troupes find their way to D.C. and try to stretch their budgets

On Craigslist, the place sounded perfect: hardwood floors, new appliances, good location. Just right for four actors who needed a Washington sublet for the two-week run of their touring show, "Chicago."

"The guy on the phone told us it was within walking distance of all the monuments and the National Theatre," said Daniel Gutierrez, 26.

But when you spend months or years hopscotching the country with a Broadway play, another opening means another set of on-the-road challenges: booking a vet for your traveling cat, finding a yoga teacher, making do with an apartment that is not quite as advertised.

What the actors found when they arrived last week was not a dream sublet minutes from the theater; it was an apartment in a dicey area of boarded-up houses and abandoned cars a few blocks

# The World's Stage

off Bladensburg Road, more than four miles from the stage door. The place itself was nice and the neighbors welcoming. But they warned the young actors to stay off the streets at night.

"The taxi driver was, like, 'For god's sake, be careful around here,'" said Evelyn Tonn, 23, who plays a Hungarian murderess. She and her roommates were unpacking, putting up their portable chin-up bar and making the best of a little tour-life misfire. "We've been in the same situation in other cities. Downtown Cleveland is no walk in the park, either."

Dozens of touring performers

bring their out-of-a-suitcase lifestyle to Washington each year — six or seven equity touring shows stop here annually. Their stays range from weeks to months. The city has a reputation among touring actors as tough for accommodations and terrific for sightseeing, nightlife and receptive audiences.

And, believe it or not, good pizza.

"I always go to Matchbox Pizza in Chinatown as soon I get to D.C.," said "Chicago" tour manager Dhyana Colony, who has been here five times in almost a decade of nonstop

**“It’s hard to rest in D.C.; there are so many diversions. In Raleigh, you can rest up.”**

—GABRIELLE RUIZ,  
DANCER WITH "A CHORUS LINE"

travel. Her job is to find hotels, gyms, banks, physical therapists and good cupcakes for the frequent birthday celebrations they hold during the intermissions. Once an actor asked her to find him a good colonic.

"I'm the nurse," Colony said, "I'm the camp counselor; I'm the single mom."

Colony and others say Washington neatly fits the actors' schedule of free days and late nights. There are movie theaters with good weekday matinees and restaurants that stay open past the final curtain call. M&S Grill on 13th Street, which is close to the National and Warner, and Ford's theaters, is filled with still-buzzing performers many a midnight.

The city's academic bent is also a plus. One cast member of "Spamalot" used the local libraries as he pursued an online degree. Another found a timely workshop in American Sign Language at Gallaudet.

"It combined my love of languages with my love of movement and dance," said Darryl Semira, 29, who took Metro to the campus each day for two weeks.

But what Washington mainly offers is lots of what touring actors covet most: a nearly endless stock of sightseeing to fill the off-hours between the breakfast table and the makeup chair.

"It's hard to get rest in D.C.; there are so many diversions," Gabrielle Ruiz said one day last month as she walked toward the Capitol for a tour of the Senate. The dancer was in town with "A Chorus Line" and finding it hard to sleep in. "In Raleigh, you can rest up."

A life of nonstop touring is an odd one. You get a precious professional acting slot, have a chance to bank some savings and forge tight



Andrea Mislan dances during a performance of "Chicago" in Washington, D.C.

SARAH L. VOISIN/TWP



bonds with an ensemble of fellow travelers. But you can go months without a meal that isn't followed by a bill and never know one bed for more than a few weeks. Family relations come filtered through laptops and cellphones.

Personalizing is key, actors say, from family pictures in the dressing room to Grandma's quilt on the hotel bed. The orchestra leader of one show famously replaces all the low-watt hotel bulbs with his own incandescents.

Christopher Gurr, in his fourth year as Sir Bedevere in "Spamalot," instantly strips his rooms of corporate signage and sets up his French press coffee brewer, tea-kettle and laptop.

"The caffeine altar and the technology altar, and you've got your monastic cell," Gurr said. "It's about making it a little less like a hotel room." (Not completely monastic, Gurr's second order of business is to

**Christopher Gurr**  
instantly strips his  
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find out who pours the best Guinness. In Washington, he settled on the Brickseller on 22nd Street.)

At the Mount Pleasant apartment "Chicago" actress Terra C. MacLeod rented with a roommate last week, she unpacked and prepared to light the Aveda shampure candle she burns to keep a consistent scent from city to city.

"I usually live in hoodies and baseball caps, but I decided to bring some of my cute clothes from Montreal," said MacLeod, a Canadian who plays Velma in the musical. "You never know who you're going to meet in Washington."

"Chorus Line" veteran Anthony Wayne, 27, has honed his tour philosophy down to three parts, which he recites to all newbies: "Drink your water, get your rest and save your coins."

One way to save is to double up in hotel rooms or find an apartment to share, as the "Chicago" foursome



Evelyn Tonn and Andrea Mislan eat a 1 a.m. dinner in their temporary D.C. apartment.

did (although after a few days, they moved nearer to the theater where the show is playing through next weekend). Another is to cook whenever a kitchenette is at hand.

Carol Woods, who has toured the world as Mama Morton in "Chicago," goes further with hotel cooking than most. In Washington, she makes a point of shopping the Maine Avenue fish markets and is famous for throwing huge Caribbean and soul food feasts, sometimes taping over hotel smoke detectors to do it.

"Baby, I have cooked meals for 60 people on one of those little stoves," said Woods, who trav-

els with pots, knives and a spice rack. "I brought my electric fry pan to Japan."

While Woods takes a little home life on the road, Colony, the "Chicago" tour manager, has become so nomadic that road life has invaded her home. When she bought an investment house in Las Vegas recently, she copied the decor from a Hyatt in Louisville. For her infrequent nights in her own room, she installed a Heavenly Bed from Westin.

"I'm just built for life on the road," she said. STEVE HENDRIX  
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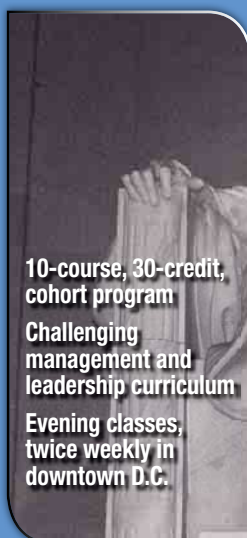
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Sue Estes, a nurse who took time off to raise her children, is finding the recession's making it difficult to re-enter the workforce.

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Once easy to land, nursing jobs are now prize finds in today's difficult economy

For more than a decade as she raised two children, Sue Estes heard one story after another about how hospitals were desperately short of nurses.

They were getting signing bonuses, their pay was soaring to levels unheard of during Estes' years as a nurse, and benefit packages now included 401(k)s. This year, ready to return to work, she has heard a different story.

"I've shipped out résumés everywhere, and I'm not even getting the courtesy callbacks," said Estes, 43. "All my friends can't believe it."

The economic downturn has put a Band-Aid on one of the most vexing problems in health care — a

shortage of nurses that has slowed care at some hospitals and forced others to turn away the ill.

With some nurses postponing retirement and others resuming their careers for financial reasons, many hospitals across the region say they have few, if any, openings. After more than a decade when hospitals struggled to maintain sufficient staffing and when nurses could have their pick of jobs, the want ads have virtually disappeared, and only acute-care and emergency-room nurses remain in great demand.

Estes is experienced in acute care and a neurosurgical unit, and she said she has kept up with the profession and taken a refresher course to prepare for her return. She began her job search this year at Calvert Memorial, the hospital closest to her home in Owings, Md., and has been widening the circle since.

"I've actually been shocked that

some places wouldn't even talk to me," she said.

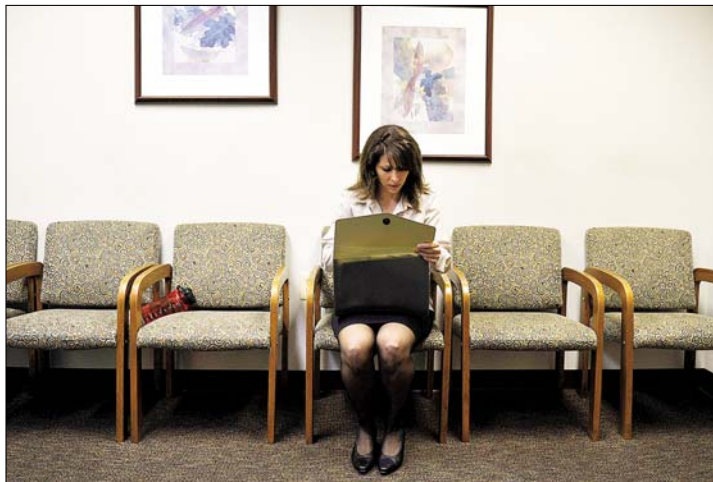
Estes, who will work as a volunteer at Anne Arundel Medical Center and hopes to land night hours

After more than a decade when nurses could have their pick ... the want ads have disappeared.

at St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, Md., is typical of nursing applicants who are returning to work in recent months.

"We started to see a real uptick in January, February and March," said Skip Margot, vice president of patient care services at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville. "We're seeing more men and women who are well-seasoned in their career."





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Margot has a handful of openings on a staff of more than 800 nurses.

The Inova Health System — which employs 4,353 nurses and operates Alexandria, Fairfax, Fair Oaks, Loudoun and Mount Ver-

non hospitals — has an extraordinarily low 3.5 percent vacancy rate, with most of the openings in critical care.

Bob McWhirt, vice president for patient care, described a similar situation at Calvert Memorial

Hospital. "In medical and surgical, I have absolutely zero openings," he said. "In 20 years of doing this, I've never been able to say that."

The good news for Estes and the bad news for the health care

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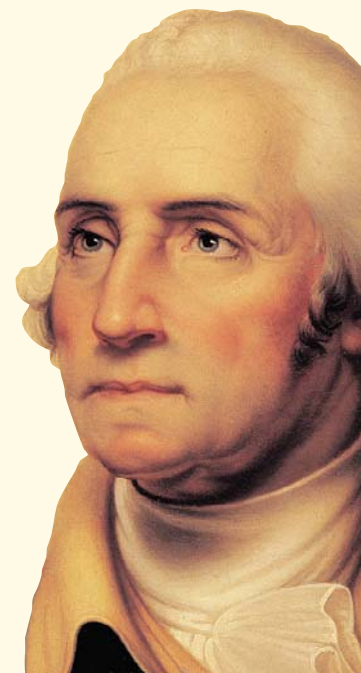
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Healing Gaps

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system is that this is “a blip when the [bad] economy masks the true nursing shortage,” said Nicholas Piazza, who recruits at Montgom-

ery General Hospital.

The nursing shortage has been a chronic national challenge. The problem appeared under control in the mid-1990s but resurfaced by the end of the decade and steadily became more severe. Hospitals

on Long Island and in upstate New York turned away patients when their nurse-to-patient ratio dropped too low. Emergency rooms in California sent ambulances elsewhere when they had too few nurses to handle the load.

“There was a time when most hospitals, if you had a pulse and a [nursing] license, they would give you a job,” Margot said.

With the growth of the U.S. population outpacing projec-

tions and with increasing health demands among aging baby boomers, federal experts forecast that the nursing shortage would grow to 275,000 by 2010 and to 1 million in the decade that followed.

The recession may slow the growth of that shortage, but it will not resolve the underlying cause.

The American Academy of Colleges of Nursing reported that 27,771 qualified applicants were turned away by nursing schools last year largely because of a lack of instructors. The average age of a nursing instructor is 49, and simple economics have kept many younger nurses from becoming educators. Teaching requires a master’s degree or a doctorate. But the salaries many receive after they get an advanced degree are

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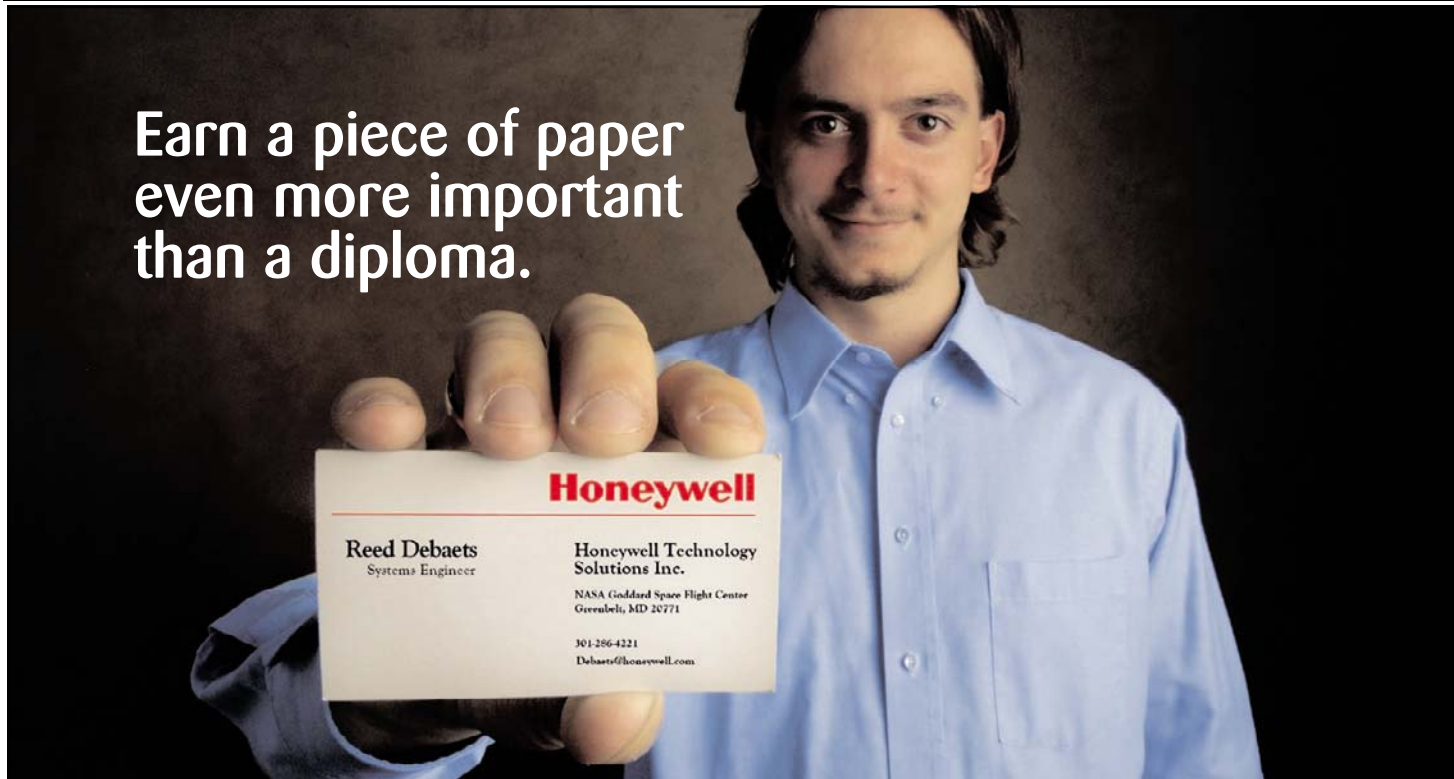
lower than what they could earn as acute-care nurses.

Bipartisan legislation intended to provide an additional incentive for experienced nurses to become educators was reintroduced in Congress last month after dying in committee last year. The bill would repay loans taken out by nurses pursuing advanced degrees if they committed to teaching for four years. But its passage would provide no immediate remedy once the shortage resurfaces, a prospect forecast by those enjoying a respite from the problem.

The economic incentive that has swollen the nursing workforce seems certain to evaporate when the economy rebounds, throwing the health care system deeper than ever into the crisis. Those who put off retirement are expected to leave the profession in droves, along with those who returned to work to stave off economic distress.

“I’m going to be in for 12 months of happy, and then the problem will be back,” McWhirt said.

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→ **NAME:** Danielle Piacente, 26  
 → **JOB:** As a publicist and manager at Linda Roth PR, Piacente almost single-handedly handles PR for the National Cherry Blossom Festival, which just concluded.  
 → **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Maryland.  
 → **SALARY:** "Between \$45,000 and \$55,000," Piacente says. The median

salary for a PR pro with two to four years of experience in D.C. is about \$52,000, according to Salary.com.  
 → **WHAT SHE DOES:** During the off-season, Piacente represents restaurants and hotels in the area. But starting in January and until the last petal falls off the last Tidal Basin tree in April, Piacente's the point person for the National Cherry Blossom Festival. She writes all the press releases, handles the event's big press conference in early March and fields inquiries from curious journalists. "It's a lot of coordinating interviews," she says.



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Piacente spends about four months a year promoting D.C.'s pink blossoms.

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→ **HOW SHE GOT THIS JOB:**

Nabbing the account "was kind of a timing thing," Piacente says. She started out working at a larger agency, Burson-Marsteller, doing public relations work for the govern-

ment. "But I really wanted to do restaurants," she says. When Piacente interviewed at Linda Roth PR, she was told the blossoms came with the job. "I had no idea what I was getting into," she says. "If you had told me how much work it was going to be before I started, I would have been too afraid ... [but] this is such a feel-good event. There's nothing better than that." RACHEL KAUFMAN

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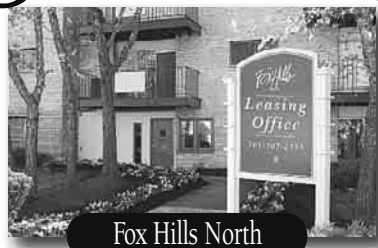
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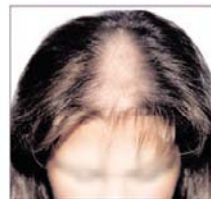
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# lookout

## When in Doubt, Laugh

**With acting off the table, Kristen Schaal found a home in the world of comedy**

**COMEDIENNE** | Like many young women, Kristen Schaal moved to New York with dreams of becoming an actress. Thank goodness that didn't work out. Otherwise, the world might have missed out on one of the funniest and most distinctive voices to emerge from the morass of improv classes and open-mic nights in quite awhile.

"When acting proved to be almost impossible," she recalls, "I was like, 'OK, let me figure out

**“Stand-up and improv became routes that I could take to forge something for myself.”**

other ways to perform.' Stand-up and improv became routes that I could take to forge something for myself."

Schaal delivers her jokes with a wide grin, impish eyes and a giggle of a voice, all of which betray a quick mind and a strong grasp of the absurd. She might not look like a troublemaker, but she seems to get into a lot of trouble.

Those two pursuits — improv and stand-up — have landed her a few acting parts, most notably on HBO's "Flight of the Conchords,"



COURTESY AVALON MANAGEMENT

**SHE WORKS HARD FOR THE FUNNY:** You may recognize Schaal as a "Daily Show" correspondent or from her recurring role on HBO's "Flight of the Conchords."

which stars the New Zealand novelty-folk act with whom she is currently touring. She plays super-obsessed stalker-fan Mel, who regularly takes her devotion to the duo to uncomfortable extremes. And Schaal, her hyperactive glee offsetting the other actors' straight faces, threatens to steal every scene.

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**Express** chatted with Kristen Schaal about getting confused with her characters and what it's like being a horse with a silly head.

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With her cult fan base growing, Schaal is taking more acting roles — including a small part in the upcoming Salma Hayek movie "Cirque du Freak" — but also staying active in her other pursuits, including a regular stint on "The Daily Show," a British TV pilot for her Web series "Penelope Princess of Pets" and a book that she describes as "a collection of short stories that are incredibly erotic and funny. From sex experts, which we are."

Expect Schaal's singular brand of inspired insanity. "It's going to save lives," she predicts. "Already now I'm just imaging the world in the fall of 2010 as being completely different after this book comes out."

STEPHEN M. DEUSNER



MARKUS SCHREIBER/AP  
All he needs now is a lightning bolt.

## Neeson, God of Thunder

**The newly widowed actor will play Zeus in 'Clash of the Titans'**

**FORWARD MARCH** | Liam Neeson is set to begin work on his first film since the death of his wife, Natasha Richardson.

Neeson will play Zeus, king of the gods, in a remake of "Clash of the Titans" opposite Ralph Fiennes as Hades, ruler of the underworld. Louis Leterrier ("Transporter 2," last year's "The Incredible Hulk") will direct the film, which is scheduled to begin production in the United Kingdom later this month, Warner Bros. said Thursday.

Longtime friends Neeson and Fiennes haven't shared the screen since 1993's "Schindler's List." Also among the cast are "Casino Royale" villain Mads Mikkelsen, Sam Worthington of the upcoming "Terminator Salvation" and Alexa Davalos ("Defiance").

The original "Clash of the Titans" from 1981 starred Laurence Olivier as Zeus. (AP)

**BOX OFFICE** **Tween Idol Outpaces 'Furious'** "Hannah Montana: The Movie" — starring tween-magnet juggernaut Miley Cyrus as her screen alter egos, pop star Hannah Montana and country mouse Miley Stewart — zoomed past last week's big opener, "Fast & Furious," to score the top box-office slot this weekend. This is the second big-screen feature for Disney's family-friendly franchise; the first was the 2007 3-D concert film "Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus: The Best of Both Worlds Concert Tour."





# Oh, To Be Young Again

Matthew Perry gets a second chance at teenage-dom in his new film '17 Again'

YOUTH | Much like the Chandler Bing character he played on "Friends," Matthew Perry has a self-deprecating, wisecracking sense of humor.

In his new movie, "17 Again," out on Friday, Perry plays a frustrated suburbanite who gets a chance to relive his youth. His younger self is played by rising star Zac Efron.

"I would love to be 17 again if I looked like this dude," the 39-year-old says.

Although the actors have no

scenes together in the film, Perry and Efron enjoyed a different kind of collaboration, since they essentially play the same part.

"I finally realized, like on day five, why Zac was looking at me so much," quips Perry.

Perry could relate in a way to his character, Mike O'Donnell, a father, husband and breadwinner who frets that his glory days are behind him. Once a promising high school basketball star, he chose to marry his pregnant girlfriend instead of accepting a college athletic scholarship.

In the movie, Perry's Mike is in a bad way. His marriage is falling apart. He's been passed over for a promotion at work. His teenage kids think he's a loser. In a moment



CURIOUS CASE OF MR. O'DONNELL: Perry's character pulls a reverse-aging stunt.

of magic, Mike is given a second chance to return to that glorious age of 17 — at least outwardly.

Though he looks and feels 17, his adult outlook is totally uncool among today's high schoolers, including his own kids, who are unaware of their dad's transformation.

Perry and Efron enjoyed a different kind of collaboration, since they essentially play the same part.

Perry, who is single and childless, says it was weird playing the parent of a teenager. "Forget about switching places; that's the thing I don't think people will believe," he deadpans.

ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

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# Rock, North American Style

## Canadian rockers Shout Out Out Out Out are burning for a Stateside audience

**GO BIG** | The Canadian electro-rock outfit Shout Out Out Out Out has an attention-getting setup to match its name: A six-man band with two drummers, four bassists, five cowbells, a vocoder and a pile of analog synthesizers is hard to ignore.

The group hopes the equipment will help amplify its sound as it travels the miles of cold terrain that lie between its Edmonton, Alberta, home and the United States border as Shout Out Out Out Out prepares to release its U.S. debut album, "Reintegration

Time," next month.

While the band has generated buzz in the States since its 2006 breakout appearance at the CMJ Music Marathon in New York, the act opted to put out their first U.S. release on its own Edmonton-based label, Normals Welcome Records, founded by SOOOO's Nik Kozub and Jason Troock. The label also released the band's Canadian debut, "Not Saying/Just Saying," in 2006 and has a roster of five acts

**A six-man band with two drummers, four bassists and five cowbells is hard to ignore.**



**BRAAAAINS:** The members of Shout Out Out Out Out Out aren't really zombies — we think.

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with 10 releases among them.

"We shopped ['Not Saying'] around to U.S. labels, but we didn't see any of the options as more desirable than doing it ourselves," frontman Kozub says. "When we put out the first record, I don't think the label was at the point where we had enough resources to release in the U.S.; just getting Canada unlocked was a big enough job for us then. But now we feel ready."

The group has an extensive touring schedule planned. Kozub says it's important to the band to tour with all six members and play all instruments live, as this showmanship has built the band's U.S. base.

The group also has a videographer on the current tour to shoot a documentary-style film, and it has shot a video for the song "Coming Home," in which the members are set on fire.

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**IMAX MONSTERS VS. ALIENS: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG)** 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

#### DIGITAL 3D

**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG)** 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

**DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG)** 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:25

**HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G)** ✓ 1:00, 1:50, 3:45, 4:20, 6:30, 7:00, 9:10, 9:40

**OBSERVE AND REPORT (R)** 1:30, 2:55, 4:10, 5:15, 6:40, 7:55, 9:00, 10:15

**FAST & FURIOUS (PG13)** 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 10:05

**FAST & FURIOUS (PG13)** 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:35

**THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13)** 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20

**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG)** 1:10, 3:30, 6:15

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**DUPICITY (PG13)** 2:10, 5:05, 8:05

**I LOVE YOU, MAN (R)** 2:05, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55

**KNOWING (PG13)** 1:35, 4:25, 7:25, 10:15

**THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R)** 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50

**RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG)** 1:55, 4:50

**WATCHMEN (R)** 9:00 PM

**TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13)** 7:35, 10:10

**TAKEN (PG13)** 3:10, 5:25, 7:50, 10:10

**ROYAL KILL (PG13)** 1:20, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45

#### AMC SELECT

**ADVENTURELAND (R)** 1:05, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45

**SUNSHINE CLEANING (R)** 1:25, 4:00, 6:40, 9:15

### AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.

**HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G)** ✓ 2:30, 5:00, 7:30

**THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13)** 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

**DUPICITY (PG13)** 4:10, 7:10

**I LOVE YOU, MAN (R)** 2:50, 5:20, 7:50

**CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG)** 2:20, 4:40, 7:00

**THE INTERNATIONAL (R)** 2:10, 4:50, 7:40

**HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13)** 4:20, 7:20

#### AMC SELECT

**ADVENTURELAND (R)** 3:10, 5:40, 8:10

### AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway

**IMAX MONSTERS VS. ALIENS: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG)** 11:30, 2:00, 4:20, 7:15, 9:50

#### DIGITAL 3D

**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG)** 10:20, 12:50, 3:10, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30

**DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG)** 10:05, 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

**HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G)** ✓ 10:00, 11:10, 12:30, 1:50, 3:00, 4:30, 5:40, 7:05, 8:15, 9:40, 10:30

**OBSERVE AND REPORT (R)** 10:15, 12:35, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

**FAST & FURIOUS (PG13)** 11:40, 2:30, 5:05, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:35

**FAST & FURIOUS (PG13)** 9:55, 12:45, 3:15, 6:00, 8:40

**THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13)** 11:50, 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:25

**DUPICITY (PG13)** 10:25, 1:20

**I LOVE YOU, MAN (R)** 11:15, 2:15, 4:55, 7:45, 10:15

**KNOWING (PG13)** 10:30, 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:20

#### AMC SELECT

**ADVENTURELAND (R)** 10:10, 12:40, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20

**SUNSHINE CLEANING (PG)** 1:55, 4:50, 7:40, 10:00

### LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.

#### DIGITAL 3D

**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG)** 10:20, 12:40, 3:00, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35

**DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG)** ✓ 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:15, 9:35

**HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G)** ✓ 10:15, 12:35, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:45

**OBSERVE AND REPORT (R)** ✓ 10:35, 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 8:00, 10:20

**FAST & FURIOUS (PG13)** 11:05, 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:40

**THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13)** 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25

**DUPICITY (PG13)** 10:55, 12:50, 1:50, 3:45, 4:45, 6:45, 7:45, 10:40

**I LOVE YOU, MAN (R)** 11:25, 12:25, 2:10, 3:10, 4:50, 5:50, 7:30, 8:30, 10:10

**KNOWING (PG13)** 10:40, 1:35, 4:30, 7:35, 10:30

**WATCHMEN (R)** 9:45 PM

#### AMC SELECT

**ADVENTURELAND (R)** 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

**SUNSHINE CLEANING (R)** 11:35, 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50

### AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center

#### DIGITAL 3D

**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG)** 12:50, 3:10, 5:50, 8:15, 10:35

**DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG)** ✓ 12:55, 3:15, 5:25, 7:40, 9:50

**HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G)** ✓ 12:20, 1:55, 2:45, 4:35, 5:35, 7:15, 8:25, 9:40, 10:50

**OBSERVE AND REPORT (R)** ✓ 12:35, 1:35, 2:50, 3:45, 5:00, 5:55, 7:10, 8:30, 9:20, 11:00

**FAST & FURIOUS (PG13)** 12:20, 2:00, 2:55, 4:30, 5:30, 6:25, 7:20, 8:05, 9:00, 9:55, 11:00

**THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13)** 12:45, 3:20, 5:55, 8:20, 10:55

**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG)** 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 9:45

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**DUPICITY (PG13)** 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:00

**I LOVE YOU, MAN (R)** 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25

**KNOWING (PG13)** 1:30, 4:25, 7:35, 10:30

**RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG)** 1:10, 3:45

#### AMC SELECT

**ADVENTURELAND (R)** 12:30, 3:00, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40

**SUNSHINE CLEANING (R)** 12:25, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

### MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo

**DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG)** 1:00, 3:05, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45

**HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G)** 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

**OBSERVE AND REPORT (R)** 12:20, 2:50, 5:25, 7:50, 10:00

**FAST & FURIOUS (PG13)** 11:00, 12:05, 12:35, 1:30, 2:35, 3:05, 4:05, 5:05, 5:35, 6:35, 7:35, 8:05, 9:05, 10:05

**THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13)** 11:40, 1:10, 2:10, 3:40, 4:40, 6:10, 7:10, 8:40, 9:40

**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG)** 11:50, 12:30, 2:20, 3:00, 4:50, 5:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50 3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES

**KNOWING (PG13)** 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15

**THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R)** 10:15 PM

**TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13)** 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

### AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886

**IMAX MONSTERS VS. ALIENS: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG)** 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

#### DIGITAL 3D

**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG)** 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:05

**DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG)** ✓ 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25

**HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G)** ✓ 1:00, 1:45, 3:35, 4:20, 6:15, 7:00, 8:45, 9:30

**HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G)** 1:00, 3:35, 6:15, 8:45

**OBSERVE AND REPORT (R)** ✓ 12:05, 1:05, 2:35, 3:25, 4:55, 5:50, 7:15, 8:10, 9:35, 10:20

**FAST & FURIOUS (PG13)** 12:00, 12:40, 1:20, 2:00, 2:40, 3:20, 4:00, 4:40, 5:20, 6:00, 6:40, 7:20, 8:00, 8:40, 9:20, 10:00

**12 ROUNDS (PG13)** 4:35, 9:50

**THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13)** 1:30, 4:05, 6:35, 9:15

**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG)** 2:10, 4:30

3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES

**DUPICITY (PG13)** 7:05, 9:55

**I LOVE YOU, MAN (R)** 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15

**KNOWING (PG13)** 1:10, 3:55, 6:45, 9:40

**RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG)** 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10

**TAKEN (PG13)** 1:55, 7:25

#### AMC SELECT

**ADVENTURELAND (R)** 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:25

### LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph

**SHALL WE KISS? (NR-NOT RATED)** ✓ 12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20

#### AMC SELECT

**SUNSHINE CLEANING (R)** 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50

**SIN NOMBRE (R)** ✓ 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00

**THE CLASS (PG13)** 1:15, 4:05, 7:05

**SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R)** 1:40, 4:45, 7:30

**THE READER (R)** 1:10, 3:55, 7:00

**DOUBT (PG13)** 2:05, 4:35, 7:10

### LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.

**FAST & FURIOUS (PG13)** 2:30, 5:10, 7:50

### AMC MAZZA GALLERIE

Jenifer and Wisconsin

**DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG)** 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40  
**HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G)** 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00  
**OBSERVE AND REPORT (R)** 10:10, 12:15, 2:50, 5:15, 7:30

**FAST & FURIOUS (PG13)** 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:20

**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG)** 11:10, 1:30, 4:00

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**DUPICITY (PG13)** 10:30, 1:20, 4:10, 7:10

**I LOVE YOU, MAN (R)** 11:20, 2:10, 4:50, 7:50

### LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18

9811 Washingtonian Boulevard

#### DIGITAL 3D

**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG)** 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50

**DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG)** ✓ 12:40, 3:15, 5:35, 8:00, 10:20

**HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G)** ✓ 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 9:45

**OBSERVE AND REPORT (R)** ✓ 11:10, 12:10, 1:25, 2:30, 3:45, 4:55, 6:10, 7:20, 8:35, 9:40, 10:55

**FAST & FURIOUS (PG13)** 11:30, 12:15, 2:15, 3:05, 5:00, 5:45, 7:45, 8:25, 10:30

**FAST & FURIOUS (PG13)** 1:10, 4:05, 6:45, 9:30

**THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG13)** 12:25, 2:55, 5:20, 8:05, 10:40

**MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG**

# The Art Master's Plans

Da Vinci's ideas are fully realized on a new Discovery show

**BLUEPRINTS** | "Doing Da Vinci" (10 p.m., Discovery) takes a fun idea and runs with it for twice as long as it has to.

"Doing" asks a group of historians, engineers, artists and gear-heads to build some of the devices and weapons that the artist, inventor and visionary Leonardo da Vinci left behind in his legendary notebooks.

The first challenge is to build a 15th-century version of an armored tank. The gang gets right to work



The cast cuts a wheel for da Vinci's scythe chariot, a brutal war weapon.

using methods both modern and venerable to cobble together da

Vinci's war machine. "Doing da Vinci" has the lets-build-something-and-blow-it-up spirit of "Mythbusters" combined with history and insights into a true genius.

But the lessons are ladled out in meager portions between shop talk and hijinks — the pilot spends far too much time on the "crisis" of a broken saw blade.

Unfortunately, among da Vinci's drawings, none demonstrate how to stretch an interesting half-hour show into an hour-long time-killer.

That would have to wait until the 21st century. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

## tonight's lineup

**GAN-GREEN, PERHAPS?**  
An environmentalist succumbs to a mystery ailment on **HOUSE** (8 p.m., Fox).

**CHA-CHA-CHA— OUCH!**  
The competition continues on **DANCING WITH THE STARS** (8 p.m., ABC).

**WHEN DESPERATION STRIKES**  
The documentary **CONFESSIONS OF A SUPERHERO** (9 p.m., Sundance) follows would-be actors who make a living playing costumed comic book characters on Hollywood Boulevard.

**THE OTHER SIDE**  
"American Experience" (9 p.m., PBS) presents **WE SHALL REMAIN**, a series on American history told from the American Indian perspective.

**HIS PRECIOUS LITTLE GIRL**  
She's baaaaaack! Jack's annoying daughter, Kim (Elisha Cuthbert), returns to **24** (9 p.m., Fox).



Kim Bauer (Elisha Cuthbert) is back with a vengeance on tonight's "24."

**'TRUE LIFE: I'M DRUNK'**  
**COLLEGE LIFE** (10:30 p.m., MTV) gave four freshmen cameras and invited them to document their experiences. There's a party dude, a self-professed virgin, a commitment-phobe and a bookish nonconformist whose mixed-race background makes him exotic to his classmates. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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## DISCUSSIONS

## FAST FORWARD

**Why is Google Calendar so lame?** I'd like to have an online calendar that I can share with family and friends, so I thought Google Calendar might be the way to go. But looking at it, it seems like a stunted application: no labels or categories for types of appointments, no link to contact information in an address book. Is there another calendar option you might suggest?

Well, you do have categories — you simply set up multiple calendars, each of which can have its own sharing settings. There aren't too many other shared-calendar competitors, especially if you want to sync to an iPhone (add-on software allows that sync now, and the 3.0 software will directly support GCal's "CalDAV" sharing). Microsoft and Yahoo have online calendars of their own, but I haven't tried them much myself.

I am considering replacing my G4 iMac and am thinking about a laptop. Any reason not to get the white MacBook? The other MacBooks are newer, but I have a number of FireWire devices (hard drive, iPod, video camera) that won't connect to the new MacBooks.

I'd go with the white model, too, in that case. Why dump all the

perfectly good FireWire hardware you've got? Did you notice how the new Mac mini has a FireWire 800 port? The MacBook made me think Apple was backing away from FireWire, but the

**The MacBook** made me think Apple was backing away from FireWire, but the new Mini suggests the opposite.

new mini suggests the opposite. That, or the laptop and desktop engineers work in buildings at opposite ends of the Apple campus in Cupertino, Calif.

**I am planning a car trip in May to Florida and wanted to take my laptop. But, I've realized that the car will get hot while I'm doing tourist stuff, and I don't want to fry the drive or screen. How can I keep my laptop comfy and safe?**

The bigger problem with leaving laptops in cars is that laptops are expensive, easily resold items, there for the taking for the first person to heave a rock through a window. So, don't leave the laptop in car; if you must, keep it out of sight in the trunk.



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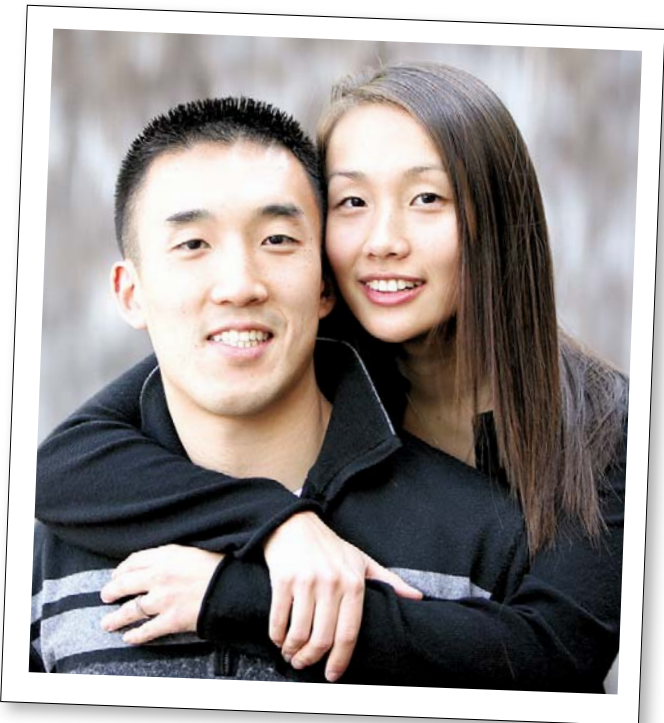
Courtney, 27, is an event planner at Conservation International. Ray, 31, is an aerospace engineer at Boeing. They live in Arlington.

- **The Main Event:** On April 26, the couple will wed on Long Island with Ray's friend Josh officiating. "He's done five other weddings for friends and brings the house down. There won't be a dry eye in the place," Ray says.
- **How They Met:** Ray grew up with Courtney's college roommate, Sarah. When he moved to D.C. in 2005, he

started spending time with Sarah and Courtney, who shared his love of the Yankees. "I had a crush on him since May of that year, but it took him until August to make a move," Courtney says.

- **First Date:** Watching a Yankees game at a Dupont Circle bar.
- **How He Proposed:** In Chicago for Courtney's 27th birthday. Ray dropped to one knee by the water. When she said yes, passers-by stopped to cheer.
- **Stupidest Fight:** How to make shepherd's pie. "We were both really hungry, and the recipe took way longer than we expected," Courtney says.
- **Pet Names:** "I call him H.B., for Honey Bear." "I call her Puddin' Snack."
- **Making It Unique:** Guests will release butterflies when the pair are announced husband and wife.

"I had a crush on him since May, but it took him until August to make a move."



True, Mad and Deep Love

Can a "bad boy" turn good? **JANE CHONG** and **PETER KIM** met in a biotech class at James Madison University, where Jane thought of Peter as just a friend "in his bad-boy stage." Years later, Peter proposed on the couple's second anniversary, when his sister, who was attending JMU, called to say she'd locked her keys in her car. Off went Jane and Peter to bring her the spare keys. But it was a setup: "I had reserved a room with a grand piano, and had my sister lace the entire room with candles, rose petals and roses," says Peter. As Jane walked in, he began playing and singing "Truly, Madly, Deeply," and then proposed.

Jane, 25, works for the Department of Defense. Peter, 26, is an IT consultant. They will marry April 25 at Franconia Korean Baptist Church and jet off to Cancun for the honeymoon.



Scott Bottoms, Kelsey Staples

Scott, 26, is a facilities coordinator. Kelsey, 26, is a recruiting coordinator for a law firm. The couple will live in Arlington after they are married.

- **The Main Event:** Two-hundred-twenty guests will witness the couple's April 18 marriage in Williamsburg, Va., where Kelsey's cousin and Scott's childhood minister will officiate. Kelsey will wear her mother's veil, her sister's earrings, her grandmother's bracelet and "my nana's brooch."
- **How They Met:** In college. "She demanded that I pay social dues for a college theater group," Scott says.

"I couldn't believe he had kept the ring hidden. I asked if he checked it in his luggage."

Kim Walstad, Matthew Zabrud

Kim, 30, is a senior consultant at Kadix Systems. Matthew, 32, is a partner at a public affairs firm. They live together in Washington.

- **The Main Event:** The couple will marry April 18 in D.C. in a black-tie ceremony Matthew describes as "Jewish... with New-Age sentimentality."
- **How They Met:** At a posh club in

New York. Matthew, who is Australian, offered to share Aussie pickup lines. "The only caveat was if I told her one that made her smile, I got a kiss on the cheek. Best bet I ever made."

- **First Impressions:** "Any man who could pull off a striped purple shirt was worth talking to."
- **First Date:** Matthew was speaking at a conference in Harrisburg, Pa., and asked Kim to join him for the rest of the



weekend. "We spent 36 straight hours together, and I couldn't wait for date two," he says.

- **How He Proposed:** In front of a

crowd of 40 friends at a house party. Matthew captured the whole thing on cameras he'd planted with friends.

- **Most Hated Clothing Item:** Kim's fuzzy boots. "They look like she's wearing an animal," Matthew says.
- **Processional:** Kim will walk down the aisle to a jazz version of "Here Comes the Bride."
- **Making It Unique:** The wedding is being held in a nightclub. After 10 p.m., Matthew says, "we'll let the rest of the club patrons join us."



**Getting Married?** If you'd like to see your wedding or commitment ceremony in B.I.O., send your favorite informal photograph (wacky is fine, but please don't send a formal engagement shot), plus your names and ceremony date to [weddings@readexpress.com](mailto:weddings@readexpress.com). Please contact us at least one month before your wedding. We'll get back to you with questions.





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"Look at all these stupid people from Kansas," we say, waving our arms dramatically. "What are they doing standing on our Metro escalator? And on the wrong side! Morons!"

OK, hotshot. Time to prove

how smart you are. Or, rather, how good you are at taking a random collection of seven letters and configuring it into an awe-inspiring single word. Or at buying up fake properties using fake money and represented by a tiny dog.

It's time for board games.

Anyone who has been part of a family Thanksgiving knows that board games are better when alcohol is involved. OK, until Uncle David starts screaming, "My name is Inigo Montoya," and sword-fighting with a fireplace poker while playing Risk, but let's not talk about that. There are plenty of places in D.C. that will allow you to indulge your love of board games while getting intoxicated. Oh, and they're cheap.

First off: Rocket Bar. There's a collection of games (including



Patrons of Rocket Bar can also play pool, darts, shuffleboard and arcade games.

Battleship and Scrabble) that you can rent for a dollar apiece. Add to that \$3 PBRs, \$5 rail drinks and wine, and plenty of \$4 beers available every day, and you kind of can't beat it.

If you want something a little classier, go for the Majestic Lounge in Alexandria, where the board games are built into the tabletops.

Make sure to get there early to get a table. Happy hour is 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and there are \$3 beers.

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→ *Rocket Bar, 714 7th St. NW; 202-628-7665. (Gallery Place)*

→ *Majestic Lounge, 2000 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-549-5051. (Braddock Road)*

## The Scene



Kimberly Gilbert in "Faithkiller," playing at the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop.

### TUESDAY

**Extra Golden:** D.C. indie-rock meets authentic African music, creating something exciting and altogether original. Comet Ping Pong, 5037 Connecticut Ave. NW; 9 p.m., \$12; 202-364-0404. (Van Ness)

**'Non-taxing and Slightly Evasive Cocktail Seminar':** The Museum of the American Cocktail presents a cocktail-tasting to help you forget about tax day. Darlington House, 1610 20th St. NW; 6:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m., \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door; [MuseumoftheAmericancocktail.org](http://MuseumoftheAmericancocktail.org). (Dupont Circle)

### WEDNESDAY

**Richard Cheese and Lounge**

**Against the Machine:** Richard Cheese sings loungey Vegas versions of songs you'd never expect to swing, like "Smells Like Teen Spirit" or the theme from "South Park." Or "Beat It." 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7 p.m., \$35; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

**'Faithkiller':** A new play about a superhero with special atheism powers. Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th St. SE; through April 18, \$10; 800-838-3006. (Eastern Market)

### THURSDAY

**Grapes With the Apes:** A wine-tasting at the zoo ensures that you can see the baby gorilla without any loud children around. National Zoo, 3001 Connecticut Ave. NW; 6 p.m.-9 p.m., \$40; 202-633-3026. (Woodley Park-Zoo)

**Explore** our searchable list of the area's events, venues, restaurants and movies at [Expressnightout.com/thescene](http://Expressnightout.com/thescene).

## The Scene

### New York to Vienna

**2** You've probably seen Peter Steiner's cartoons in the New Yorker — his most famous features two mutts talking and is captioned "On the internet, nobody knows you're a dog" — but you might not have realized that his work isn't

limited to pen-and-ink tomfoolery. You can check out his expressionistic self-portraits at the Austrian Embassy.

Steiner's parents emigrated from Austria during the 1930s, so he's not exactly a cultural invader. F.Z.

→ *Embassy of Austria, 3524 International Court NW; through Friday, free; 202-895-6776. (Van Ness)*



### Hipopopotamus and Rhymenoceros

If you don't know who these guys are, you haven't been watching "Flight of the Conchords." And in that case, we're going to take a moment of silence to feel sorry for you. But then we'll shake you by the shoulders and tell you to go see Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement — the New Zealand comedy duo whose songs prove that every joke is twice as funny when it's sung in a kiwi accent. F.Z.

→ *Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$38.50; 202-397-7328. (Farragut West)*



### Savoring Songkran

**3** Do you remember when Thai food was just cheap and delicious — before it was painfully trendy? Get ready for a time warp: In honor of Songkran, the Thai new year, the Royal Thai Embassy is offering a week's worth of discounts at Thai restaurants across the city. Several area Thai restaurants will be giving patrons a 10 percent discount in addition to special prix-fixe meals. B.A.

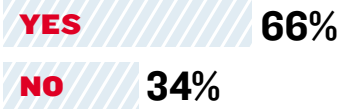
→ *Various locations; though Sunday; 202-467-6790, [Oca.thaiembdc.org](http://Oca.thaiembdc.org).*



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GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY, WOULD YOU WATCH A PIRATED COPY OF A MOVIE?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.



**"I don't know why** I feel so differently about pirated movies than I do about pirated music. I'm all about sharing songs. But for some reason, pirating movies feels bad."

**COMMENTER WAS BUF., NOW WAS.,** WHO ADDED, "MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE SONGS ARE FREE ON THE RADIO, AND MOVIES ARE NEVER FREE UNTIL THEY'VE BEEN EDITED FOR TBS."

**"I'm not sure** I would walk out of the room if someone put a pirated video in, but I wouldn't intentionally download or go out of my way to watch one.

**COMMENTER BRAD2,** WHO ADDED, "MOST MOVIES TODAY ARE SO BAD, I'M MORE LIKELY TO WAIT UNTIL THEY'RE ON TV."

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**"I RECENTLY WRACKED** my brain and tried to remember the last time I bought a DVD. With all the options out there (Netflix, TiVo, etc.), who really needs those physical discs cluttering up their environment?"

**MEDIA-ADDICT.BLOGSPOT.COM** HAS STOPPED BUYING DVDS, ALTHOUGH HE OWNS MORE THAN 1,500 OF THEM.



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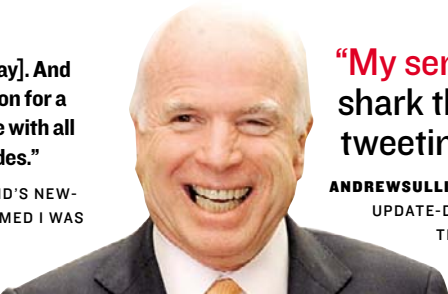


"There's nowhere to eat, developers paid too much for land, [and] the economic crunch that's hit the rest of the country is reflected here."

**JDLAND.COM** SUMS UP THE GIST OF A WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT AROUND NATIONALS PARK, ONE YEAR AFTER ITS OPENING.

**"MY DEAR FRIEND** had a baby [Sunday]. And I can't stop crying. It seems an odd reaction for a girl who tends to think babies should come with all manner of warning labels and UPC codes."

**DCDAMSEL.COM** IS VERY HAPPY FOR HER FRIEND'S NEWEST ADDITION, ADDING, "I'D ALWAYS JUST ASSUMED I WAS BORN WITHOUT A BIOLOGICAL CLOCK."



**"My sense is that [Twitter]** jumped the shark the minute John McCain started tweeting about beavers."

**ANDREWSULLIVAN.THEATLANTIC.COM** ISN'T A BIG FAN OF THE REAL-TIME UPDATE-DRIVEN FAD, ADDING, "I'M GENERALLY AN EARLY ADOPTER OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES. BUT THIS ONE, NOT SO MUCH."



**"THIS STORY WENT** down exactly as it should have gone down. If a ship is flying an American flag, don't [mess] with it. It's ours, and we're going to go get ours."

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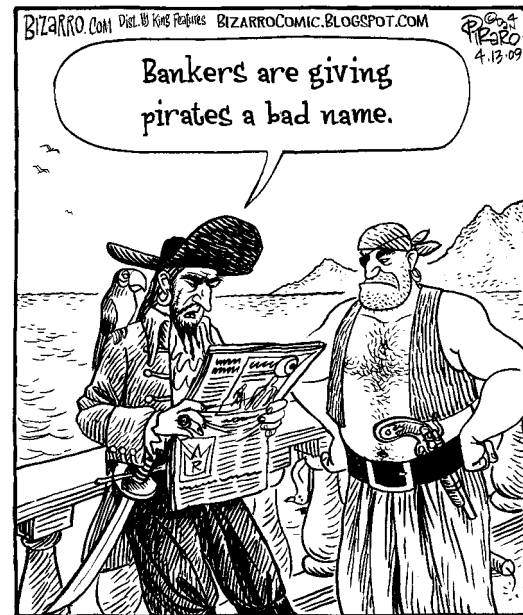
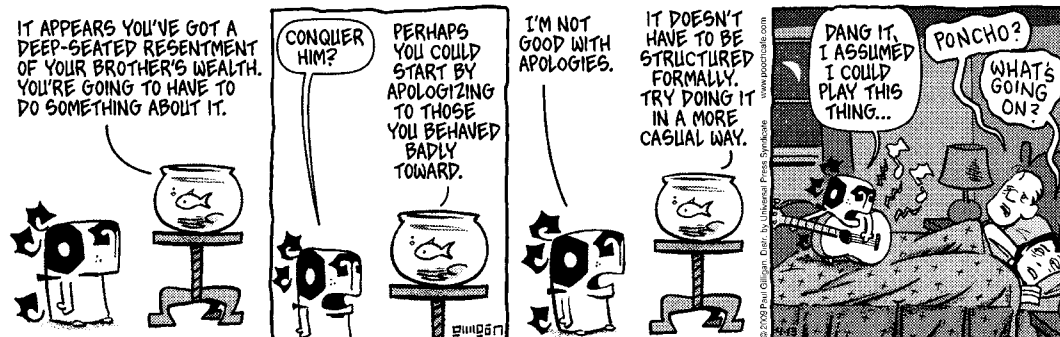
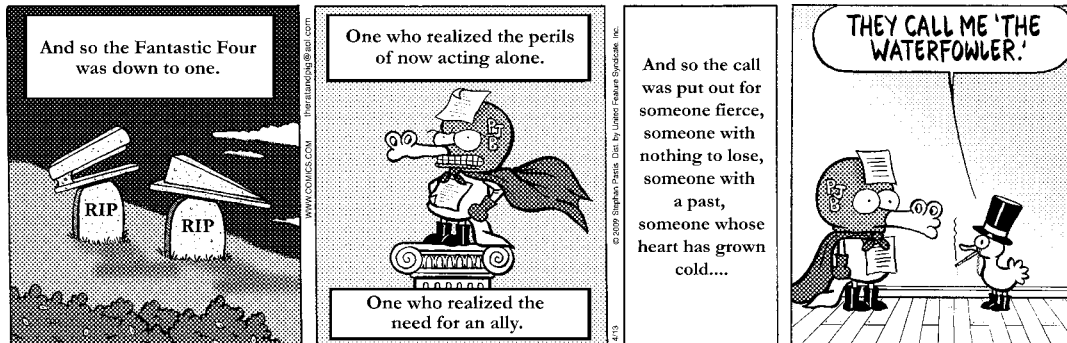
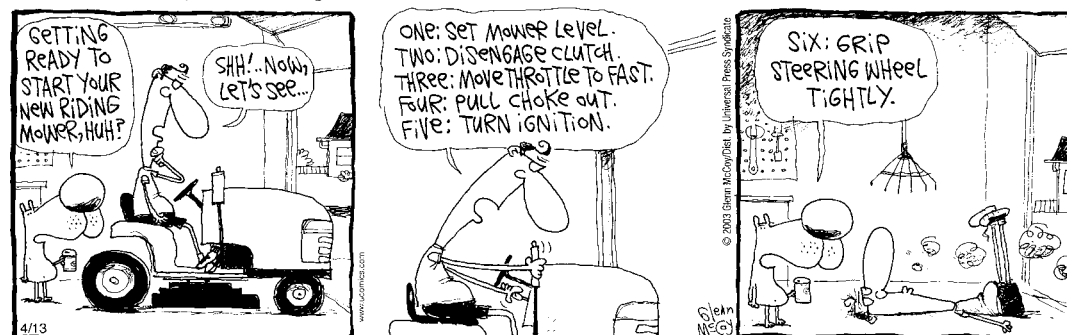
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By Stella Wilder

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Your enthusiasm is what separates you from the crowd, but you mustn't let it get out of hand. You don't want to take things too far.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A situation you are facing at home may not be as complicated as you had thought. Perhaps a simple, truthful admission can do the trick.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You may feel as though others are expecting you to work a miracle at this time. But, truly, you can do almost anything.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Your independence may be threatened by someone who is making unrealistic demands of you. Is it time for a clean break?

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You may be ready for a complete review of all that has been affecting you most dramatically recently. A look back leads you forward.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You may feel as though you're simply getting what's coming to you, but there's no reason to accept more punishment than you really deserve.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You're making some of the rules, but not all. Be ready to make adjustments based on firm realities that you cannot change.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** The problems presented require an honest, straightforward approach. The more realistic you can be in your worldview, the better.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** It's a good time for you to come to terms with one or two weaknesses that have been plaguing you for quite awhile. Look deep inside.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You will enjoy a rare opportunity to dispense with a nagging personal problem. Don't turn your back on it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You and an old friend may be starting down a complicated road together, as a working partnership begins. Support each other.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You mustn't let yourself grow defensive if you find yourself on the receiving end of some rather blunt criticism. Listen carefully.

**Today in History**

**1742** Handel's "Messiah" is first performed publicly in Dublin, Ireland.

**1943** President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicates the Jefferson Memorial.

**1964** Sidney Poitier becomes the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for "Lilies of the Field."

**1970** Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, is crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

**1999** Right-to-die advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian is sentenced in Pontiac, Mich., to 10 to 25 years in prison for second-degree murder in the lethal injection of a Lou Gehrig's disease patient.

**2004** Barry Bonds hits his 661st homer, passing Willie Mays to take sole possession of



The Jefferson Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C., on this day in 1943.

third place on baseball's career list.

**2008** A construction worker's bid to curse the New York Yankees by planting a Boston Red Sox jersey in their new stadium is foiled when the home team removes the offending shirt from its burial spot.



lookout people



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E-mail Promising Eternal Joy if You Forward It Six Times Is Legit, Though

The FBI and “The **OPRAH WINFREY** Show” say Internet users should beware of an e-mail scam that promises attendance at the talk show in exchange for the purchase of a plane ticket. The bureau says the e-mail is fraudulent and not from Winfrey or her show. (AP)

SPLITS  
Marriage Canceled; No New Episodes Will Run

**DAVID CARUSO**’s ex-girlfriend is seeking more than \$1.2 million and a house she says the “CSI: Miami” star promised her. Liza Marquez claims Caruso said he would support her even after their nearly four-year relationship ended. (AP)

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Public Sated, All Can Breathe

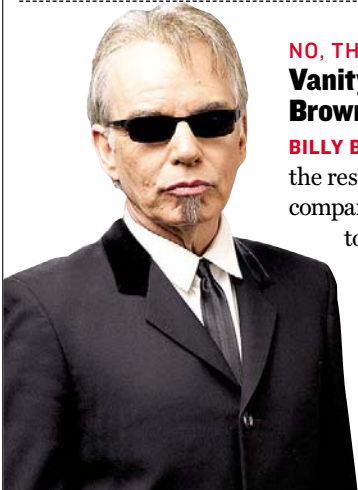
The Obamas have chosen a 6-month-old Portuguese water dog to be the first pet. The dog, a gift from Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., who owns several Portuguese water dogs, will make his big debut Tuesday. The Washington Post reported that President Obama’s daughters chose the name **BO** for the pup because first lady Michelle Obama’s father was nicknamed Diddy. The name for the dog was an apparent reference to the singer “Bo” Diddy. (AP)



EVIL  
Gossip Site Harnesses Power of The Undead to Annoy D-Listers

**WOODY HARRELSON** says photographers are like zombies. In a statement released Friday, Harrelson jokingly compares the scrutiny of the paparazzi to the packs of undead he confronted in a new film. “I wrapped a movie called ‘Zombieland,’ in which I was constantly under assault by zombies, then flew to New York, still very

much in character,” Harrelson said. “I was startled by a paparazzo who I quite understandably mistook for a zombie.” TMZ.com posted a video Thursday of Harrelson chasing one of its photographers, who followed the actor and his 12-year-old daughter through LaGuardia Airport. TMZ said Harrelson broke the photographer’s main camera, and the paparazzo is heard repeatedly accusing Harrelson of assault. (AP)



NO, THANKS  
Vanity Band Offers to Be Canada’s Brown, Slimy, Fat-Drenched Topping

**BILLY BOB THORNTON**’s band has canceled the rest of its Canadian tour after the actor compared the country’s fans to mashed potatoes with no gravy in an interview. The Boxmasters opened for Willie Nelson on Thursday in Toronto, where they reportedly were booed and met with catcalls of, “Here comes the gravy.” Nelson’s Web site said the Boxmasters were canceling the rest of their dates due to illness. (AP)



ENDLESS  
NASA Gimmick Has Prius-Like Mileage

**STEPHEN COLBERT** is still clinging to hope that NASA will name a new room at the international space station after him. The space agency said Friday it would announce the name of the module Tuesday on Comedy Central’s “The Colbert Report.” Astronaut Sunita Williams will appear on the program. (AP)



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### ACROSS

1 Kind of pudding  
5 Where students go at night  
9 Bat shaper  
14 Cover a gift  
15 Philharmonic instrument  
16 It's enough to make you cry  
17 "God's Little \_\_\_\_"  
18 Abbreviated moments  
19 Fairy-tale tyrants  
20 Pair who took vows

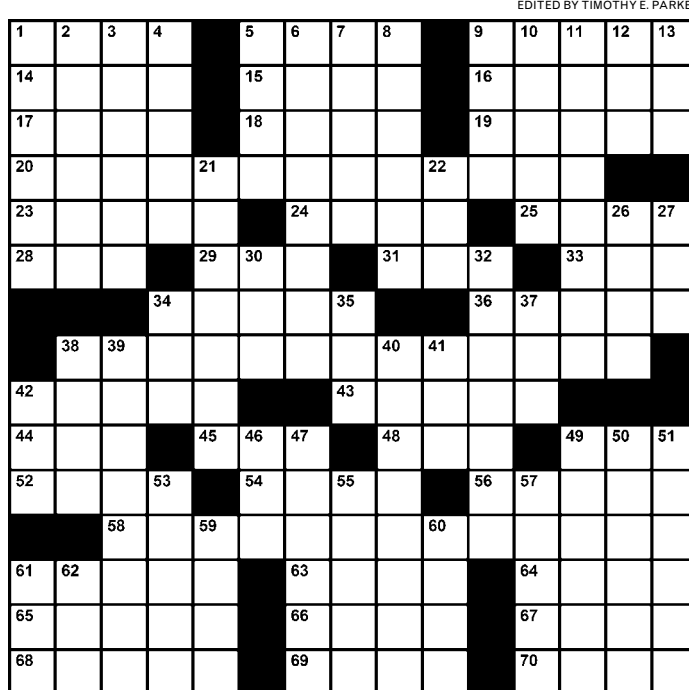
### DOWN

23 "In an \_\_\_\_ world"  
24 Accelerator particles  
25 Sports network  
28 Place for quiet, at times  
29 Be beholden to  
31 \_\_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil  
33 Tic-tac-toe winner  
34 Cowgirl Dale  
36 Protective covering  
38 Quiet business associate?  
42 Part of a play  
43 Evidence of cooking  
44 Herd word  
45 Afternoon drink, for many  
48 Part of the great seal of the U.S.  
49 It's pressed for cash  
52 First name in mysteries

54 Jazzy Fitzgerald  
56 Cartoon dog  
58 Certain look-alike  
61 Garden gastropod  
63 At the apex  
64 Key partner  
65 Camping digs  
66 Hardly genteel  
67 Sal the mule's canal  
68 Out  
69 Earned a citation  
70 "I guess so"

### DOWN

1 Mystic masters  
2 Air hockey setting  
3 Attic  
4 "Don Giovanni," for one  
5 Aspirin label  
6 Following orders  
7 "Fidelio" jailer  
8 Pions, e.g.  
9 Aerial maneuver  
10 It may be acute or obtuse  
11 Tedious  
12 Weekly weeder?  
13 Two from Connecticut?  
21 "What a great gift!"  
22 "Surfin' \_\_\_\_"  
(1963 Beach Boys hit)  
26 Below C level?  
27 Neither counterpart  
30 Pallid  
32 Kind of cookie  
34 Wallace, for one

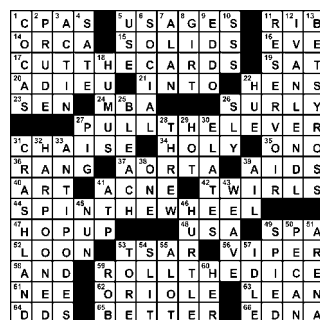


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35 Hot springs facility  
37 Genetic messenger letters  
38 Surgery souvenir  
39 Pisa residents  
40 Certain three-digit number  
41 Man in a colorful mnemonic  
42 Lincoln's nickname  
46 Velvet end?  
47 Promising places

49 On the job  
50 Nixon daughter  
51 Organ grinder's aide  
53 Corrects copy  
55 Illuminated  
57 One of several popes  
59 Apart from this  
60 Did a Little bit?  
61 NASCAR advertiser  
62 Theater funding gp.

### Friday's Solution



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## SUDOKU | EASY

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com) for solution, tips and computer program.

### Need more Su/doku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

### Friday's Solution

7	8	9	1	5	3	2	4	6
3	6	4	8	9	2	7	5	1
5	1	2	4	6	7	9	8	3
2	3	5	6	8	4	1	9	7
1	7	6	5	3	9	8	2	4
4	9	8	2	7	1	3	6	5
6	5	7	3	2	8	4	1	9
8	4	3	9	1	5	6	7	2
9	2	1	7	4	6	5	3	8

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